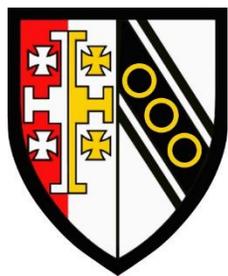
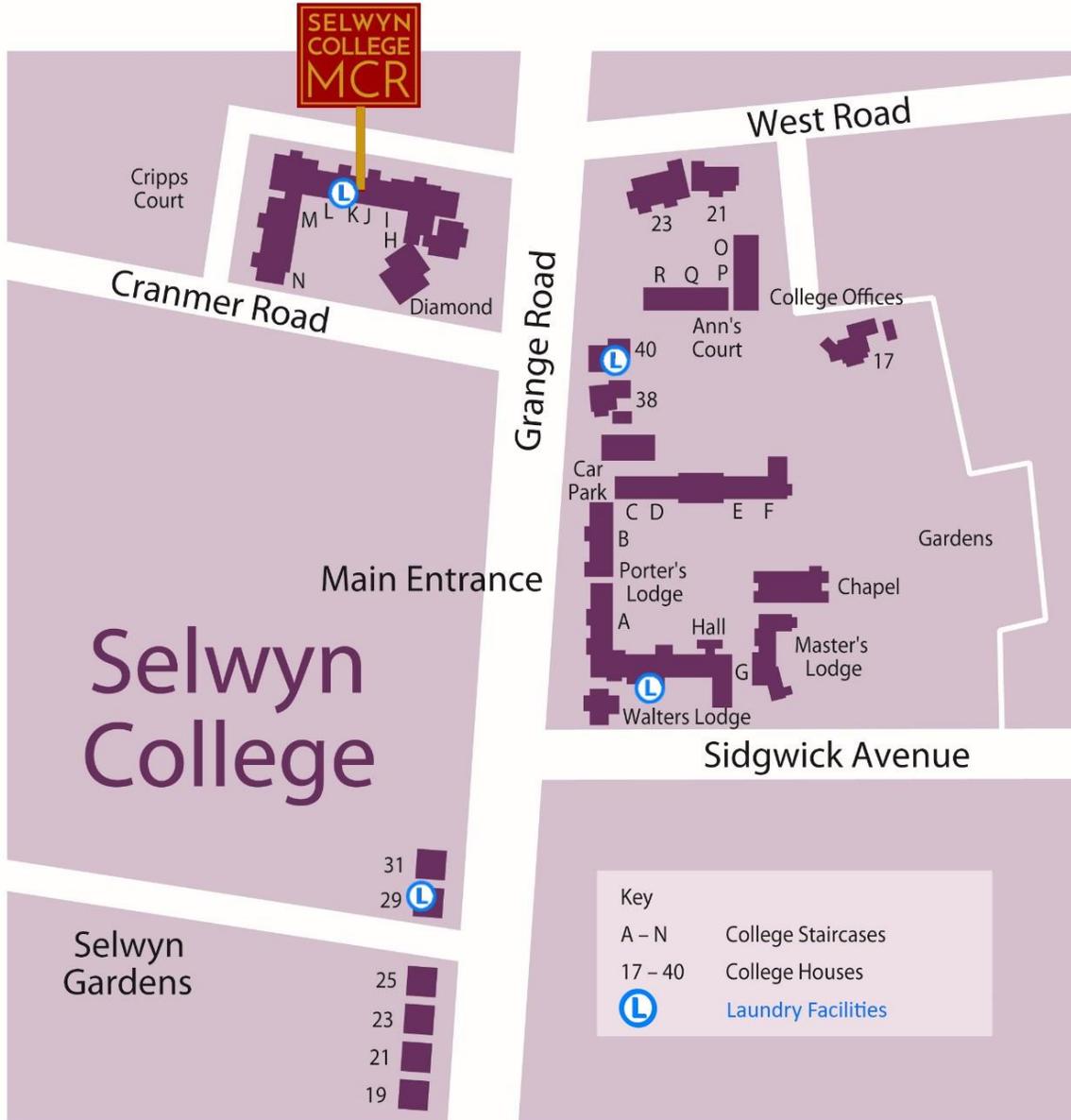




SELWYN MCR GRADUATE  
WELCOME BOOKLET 2017-2018



## A USEFUL MAP OF SELWYN



## ARRIVAL IN SELWYN

### **Collect your keys!**

Upon arrival, go to the Porters' Lodge at the main entrance of Selwyn on Grange Road. They will check you into your room, and provide you with: your room key, an MCR Common Room key (upon request) and your University Card.

### **Where will I live?**

Student accommodation for Fresher Graduate students (new students) is located either in Cripps Court or hostels on Grange Road or West Road.

The Cripps Court rooms are located in staircases (the letters for each staircase are found at the entrance of every building). Cripps Rooms are modern, newly refurbished (2014) and are mostly ensuite. The kitchen facilities are also newly refurbished, but do not include a freezer or an oven.

The Hostel on 21 West Road (also named the "Brown Hostel") and 21 Grange Road has also been newly refurbished (2017). The other hostels on Grange Road are less modern, although usually have large kitchen spaces, gardens, laundry facilities within the property, and cheaper rents.



*Cripps Court*



*29 Grange Road*

## Useful Information

### *Hall Cafeteria Opening Times*

The College Hall serves a selection of hot and cold foods daily. All payments can be made on your University card – these will be added to your College bill.

<b>Monday-Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>
Breakfast: 8:00 – 9:30am	Breakfast: 8:00 – 9:00 am	Brunch: 11:30 – 12:30 pm
Snacks: 8:00 – 12:30 pm	Lunch: 12:45 – 1:30 pm	Dinner: 6:00 – 7:00 pm
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### *Who's Who in College*

*Tutor* – you will be assigned a Tutor. This person looks after your pastoral care and they are the first point of contact if you have any problems: e.g. personal or with your studies.

*Director of Studies* – some Masters programs will have a Director of Studies in College. This person is usually from your faculty/department and gives advice and guidance on your academic studies and progress.

*The Porters* – the Porters are the face of the College! Very knowledgeable about all things that go on in College!

*College "Parents"* – you will be assigned a "College parent" from an existing student in the MCR. They will get in touch before you arrive by email and can offer any advice if you have any questions about Selwyn or Cambridge before you get here.

### *Getting things done in College*

*Post* – collected at the Porters' Lodge – everybody has a pigeon hole. If you receive a parcel, this will be stored at the Lodge and you will find a note in your pigeon hole allowing you to collect it.

*Laundry* – laundry facilities are in: J staircase Cripps' Court, Ann's Court (by the gate near 38 Grange Road Hostel), Old Court (behind the bar), 29 Grange Road (behind the kitchen). A wash costs £2.50. A tumble dry costs £1.50

*Maintenance* – is something broken or does your light bulb need fixing? Report it on the online maintenance page and it will get fixed usually within a working day:

<http://maintenance.sel.cam.ac.uk/>

*Printing/scanning* – this can be done from the ground floor printer in the College library – using your University card to authorise payment. Your department will probably offer these services too!

## THE MCR

Congratulations and welcome to Selwyn MCR! What is the MCR? The Middle Combination Room is the name given to the postgraduate student body of Selwyn, and all graduate students at Selwyn are automatically members.

Selwyn MCR is at the heart of College life for graduate students at Selwyn. It is fundamental to welcoming new graduate students (responsible for organising the notorious “Freshers’ Month” of welcome events throughout October), it provides a social space (literal and physical) for people to unwind and organizes the big social events of the year. On a more serious note, there is an MCR committee which represents all graduate students at College level, and provides access to welfare supplies, support and information.

The MCR is also a literal place: a Common Room (accessed with your MCR key) located at the bottom of J-staircase in Cripps Court and consists of a main common room and a games room. We have TVs, board games, books, a kitchen, table football, a pool table...and infamous MCR bean bags known to swallow unsuspecting students. The MCR is also always well-stocked with a selection of teas, coffees and occasionally biscuits. Perfect for some afternoon thesis writing or reading!

### **MCR Benefits**

The MCR offers a number of benefits to all its members including:

- subsidies on bike lights/helmets (£10/year)
- free access to and use of a bicycle repair kit
- free punt-boat/kayak/canoe hire at the Scudamore’s punt rental in town

### **MCR Welfare**

The MCR Welfare Officers are available to discuss any welfare issues you may have, and are sworn to secrecy. They also have a Welfare Phone which you can text and receive advice anonymously- Welfare phone number: 07456158598

There are also informative materials and emergency welfare supplies at the Welfare Board in the MCR bathroom (located adjacent to the MCR Common Room).

### **MCR Events**

Aside from the Freshers' Month of events (running from the end of September to the end of October), the MCR Ents Officers organise numerous events throughout the year, with regular events including movie nights, MCR Brunch: free warm pastries, fruit and coffee in the Balcony in Hall every Sunday morning (from 11:30 am onwards), as well as Friday Drinks (wine and beers) in the MCR on Friday nights (from 9 pm onwards).

Every month, the MCR organises a graduate formal dinner (at £15 per person) in the College Hall. This is a three course dinner with a sparkling wine reception and often end with a bop. A bop, held in the Diamond (Cripps Court), is a party with a mix of music and a student-run bar. Our MCR Dinners are sometimes themed and are an opportunity for fancy dress and fun costumes. Each member of the MCR can buy up to three tickets to an MCR dinner – a good event to invite course/lab mates to.

The Ents and Social Officers also organise swaps with other College MCRs. Usually these involve attending Formal Halls (traditional dinners) at other Colleges of the University. If you have any ideas for events you'd like to take place – let our Ents Officers know!

To keep up to date about what events are going on, look out for emails and join our Facebook page (Selwyn College MCR 2017/2018):

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/853604921481517/>

Most events are also found in our Events calendar on the MCR website.

[http://www-mcr.sel.cam.ac.uk/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=15&Itemid=101](http://www-mcr.sel.cam.ac.uk/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=15&Itemid=101)

Bookings for most events can be made on the Selwyn ticketing system:

<http://www-mcr.sel.cam.ac.uk/events>

You will need your University online Raven login details to access the site. All costs will be added to your termly College bill.



“Alice In Wonderland” at Halloween MCR Dinner



MCR Summer Barbecues at 31 Grange Road



Dragons, Ninja Turtles and Elves at the “Let’s Get Mythical MCR Dinner”



MCR Football Teams challenging our sister College, Keble, in Oxford



Traditional Ceilidh dancing at a Burns’ Night Dinner



Ministry of Sound Silent Disco at the May Ball

## Meet the MCR Committee 2017-2018

**President: Anna Lippert**  
[mcr-president@sel.cam.ac.uk](mailto:mcr-president@sel.cam.ac.uk)



Takes overall responsibility over the Committee and represents the MCR at the College level.

**Vice President: Parker Lawson**  
[mcr-vicepresident@sel.cam.ac.uk](mailto:mcr-vicepresident@sel.cam.ac.uk)



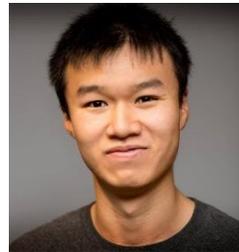
Represents the MCR at University Graduate Union meetings, and takes care of the annual accommodation ballot

**Secretary: Yuning Zhou**  
[mcr-secretary@sel.cam.ac.uk](mailto:mcr-secretary@sel.cam.ac.uk)



Organises MCR Formal Dinners, takes committee meeting minutes and sends communications (including a weekly bulletin) to the MCR.

**Treasurer: James Xiao**  
[mcr-treasurer@sel.cam.ac.uk](mailto:mcr-treasurer@sel.cam.ac.uk)



Organises committee finances, accounting and termly budgets. Also reimburses any expense claims and represents MCR at College Council level.

**Ents Officers: Hannah Hussain, Dominik Hamara and Monica Killen**  
[mcr-entsofficer@sel.cam.ac.uk](mailto:mcr-entsofficer@sel.cam.ac.uk)

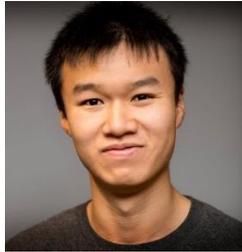


Organise a variety of social events throughout the year and handle weekly entertainment, both within College and with other College MCRs.



The masterminds behind the Freshers' Month.

**Computing Officer: James Xiao**  
[mcr-computing@sel.cam.ac.uk](mailto:mcr-computing@sel.cam.ac.uk)



Responsible for the upkeep of the MCR computers and website, manages the MCR email list and liaises with Selwyn's computer office.

**International Officer: Khayam Javed**  
[mcr-intstudents@sel.cam.ac.uk](mailto:mcr-intstudents@sel.cam.ac.uk)



Provides information and support for international MCR students. Fosters cultural exchange by organising internationally-themed events.

**Sports Officer: Christoph Klein**  
[mcr-sports@sel.cam.ac.uk](mailto:mcr-sports@sel.cam.ac.uk)



Organises sporting activities and events in Selwyn MCR and with other Colleges.

**Welfare Officer: Valentina Mele**  
[mcr-welfare@sel.cam.ac.uk](mailto:mcr-welfare@sel.cam.ac.uk)



Responsible for MCR welfare supplies. Provides a point of contact and source of information for students to contact about welfare issues.

**Common Room Officer: Xiaoya Xun**  
[mcr-commonroom@sel.cam.ac.uk](mailto:mcr-commonroom@sel.cam.ac.uk)



Responsible for the MCR common room – keeping notice boards, tea/coffee supplies fully stocked.

**Dinners Officer: Charles Lockwood**  
[mcr-dinner@sel.cam.ac.uk](mailto:mcr-dinner@sel.cam.ac.uk)



The dinner officer organises the sale and distribution of Formal Halls throughout the year and organises swaps with other colleges.

**Publicity Officer: Paula Cznarowska**  
[mcr-publicity@sel.cam.ac.uk](mailto:mcr-publicity@sel.cam.ac.uk)



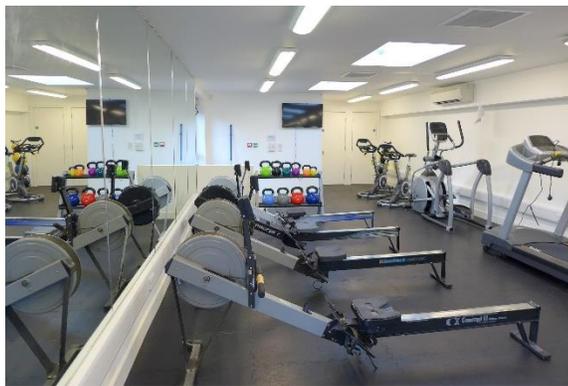
The Publicities Officer's primary function is taking pictures at MCR Events or other related college events. The Publicities Officer also handles the MCR's social media presence, i.e. administrating the Facebook and Instagram pages in accordance with the MCR's privacy policy.

## SELWYN COLLEGE and CAMBRIDGE

Selwyn is a beautiful Victorian college situated in Cambridge. If you are a humanities student, it is very practically located next to the Sidgwick Site. On this site you may find the HSPS faculty, the Law and Criminology faculty, the English faculty, the History faculty and the Economics faculty. Selwyn is about a fifteen minute walk to town. You may cut through Clare or Kings' Colleges but you will need to show your University ID card. King's College closes its back door at 19:00, and Clare College at midnight.

### **The Facilities**

Selwyn has a bar (open until 11 pm), a dining hall opened for breakfast, lunch and dinner, a library and a chapel. The gym is located behind Cripps Court in the parking lot and is accessible with your room key. Laundry facilities with washers and dryers are available in Cripps Court (building K), Ann's Court and some of the houses. There is also a music room in Cripps Court (K) which can be booked out for practicing on the main College website.



### **Formal Dinners**

Formals dinner at Selwyn are held every Tuesday and Thursday. Traditional candlelit three-course meals, from 7.30-9pm. You can book normal formal dinners either online on

the MCR events portal. or at the tills in hall during cafeteria hours. You can bring a maximum of two guests, you must wear your gown during and you can buy wine for dinner at the college bar prior to dinner.

We also encourage you to go to other colleges for formal dinner by being invited from members of other colleges or going on swaps organized by the MCR committee. They are a lot of fun and a great way to see other Colleges.

### **Selwyn Snow Ball & May Ball**

Selwyn will be holding its annual Snowball in December. It is the only college to have a winter ball every year and Selwyn students have first pick at tickets (which can be booked online and are around £70).

Selwyn also has a May Ball every second year, with the next one in 2018.



## THE UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

The University of Cambridge is one of the oldest in the United Kingdom. It has 31 Colleges which are mini-communities within the University. Graduate students see their College usually as their social ground. Your department will be where you will spending most of your time working, particularly if you are a science student.

### **Where to study?**

The University has over 100 libraries. You can use Selwyn library (accessible with your room key). You can also go to the University Library which is a five minute walk from Selwyn. There, you may borrow up to 20 books, but also sit in their reading rooms and look at some rare books! You will need your University card to access the Library. Only clear bags are allowed in the library. These are available to purchase at the entrance to the library. You can then store your belongings in some lockers before entering with your key items in a clear bag!

You may also go to department libraries across various campuses which are usually free of access to all students. To use other College libraries you will have to be invited by a student there. You may borrow a book from other department or college libraries; however, you will usually need to request prior permission by contacting the librarians if you are not a member of the library.



*Selwyn Library*



*University Library*

## **Where to eat?**

Cambridge has an array of restaurants and bar. Here are some of our favourites.

### **Breakfast:**

*Patisserie Valerie* – cakes to die for

*Fitzbillie's* – famed for their Chelsea buns – delicious, if you're ready for sticky fingers

### **Coffee:**

*Savino's* – the décor is excessively Italian.

*Hot Numbers* – the coffee lover's dream. You can choose your bean and the brewing method. Definitely bring a Macbook to fit in with the crowd.

*Sticky Beaks* – big tables, Scandinavian atmosphere

*Afternoon Tease* – really good cakes, chilled atmosphere.

### **Lunch:**

*Aromi* – fab handmade Sicilian pizzas, cakes and gelatos

*Bill's* – perfect for brunch

*Urban Shed* – great sandwiches and you get to sit on old airplane seats. How to be hipster.

### **Dinner:**

Butch Annie's – excellent burgers – mindblowing. sauces.

Seven Days – authentic Chinese restaurant.

St Johns' Chophouse – traditional English cuisine. Pies, steaks and craft beer.

Brown's Brasserie – a brasserie with good traditional English cuisine – really tasty desserts

D'Arry's wineshop – a brasserie with good selection of wine direct from their vineyards.

### **Drinks:**

*The Pint Shop* – the best Gin selection in Cambridge. Great beers on tap too.

*Thirsty* – a wine bar, with a visiting (excellent!) burger bar (Steak and Honour) on Wednesday evenings. Cozy seating round the back.

*The Maypole* – best pub in the centre of town. Excellent selection of beers and an extensive beer garden – always a lively atmosphere. Shuts at 3 am on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

*The Brewhouse* – a microbrewery with interesting ales. During the winter months, they usually sport a good selection of Porters – dark coffee and chocolate warming ales.

*Darwin College Bar* – hands down the best student bar in Cambridge. Cheap drinks, entirely student run and only for grad students. Only issue – you will need to be invited in by a Darwin student!

Cambridge has an excessive number of pubs – there are really many to try out! Here are some of the best:

*The Maypole, The Eagle, The Pickerel Inn, The Fort St George, The Castle Inn, The Granta, The St Radegund, The Cambridge Blue, The Free Press, The Kingston Arms, The ElmTree, The Brewhouse, The Grain Store, The Pint Shop, The Punter.* Have fun!