



# INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS REMAINING ON SITE DURING THE WINTER VACATION PERIOD 2023-24

## ACCOMMODATION

During the winter vacation period all accommodation blocks will remain open to residents. Please note that during the holidays the normal rules of residency still apply, including the rules for having guests on site.

Students remaining in College are advised that there may not be any other residents on their floor or accommodation block during the vacation period, particularly between 25<sup>th</sup> December and 2<sup>nd</sup> January. If you wish to relocate for all or part of the vacation, the College will consider finding temporary rooms in West House. Please contact the Accommodation Officer by Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December if you wish to temporarily relocate.

Anna Maria Ercolani-Brown, Accommodation Officer ([accommodation@homerton.cam.ac.uk](mailto:accommodation@homerton.cam.ac.uk)) will be available until 12.00pm on 22<sup>nd</sup> December and will be back in the office at 9am on 2<sup>nd</sup> January.

## ACTIVITIES

### WHAT'S GOING ON IN COLLEGE AND IN THE UNIVERSITY AND WIDER CITY

#### CHRISTMAS VACATION ACTIVITY GUIDE 2023-24

The [Cambridge SU Winter Holidays Activity Guide](#) contains information about things to do in Cambridge and beyond, including activities provided by students for students. It is a live document and will be updated regularly with more activities.

## COLLEGE EVENTS

- Movie Night, Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 7:30pm, MCR Common Room
- Winter Social, Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 8.00pm, MCR Common Room (which could possibly be hosted in the JCR instead)

To find out about College events that both JCR and MCR members can attend over the holidays, or indeed to coordinate your own events, you can join the WhatsApp group for students remaining in residence over the vacation:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/IJz43u8D2Jz4REuan0TCLy> (MCR)

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/BRBU8K3KyISCiUv6fBSR8F> (JCR)

## WELLBEING DROP-IN SESSIONS

We will be holding some drop-in sessions during the vacation. Refreshments will be available, and a member of the Wellbeing Team will be present.

- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December, 5.00-6.00pm, Drawing Room
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December, 5.00-6.00pm, Drawing Room
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December, 5.00-6.00pm, Drawing Room

- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 5.00-6.00pm, Drawing Room
- Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January 5.00-6.00pm Drawing Room

Zumba classes will continue and will take place on the following dates:

- Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December
- Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January and Saturdays thereafter (20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>)

## TRAVEL

If you are looking to travel over the Christmas vacation on public transport, please check revised timetables that will be in use during this period. Public transport does not run on 25<sup>th</sup> December.

## SUPPORT

### URGENT MEDICAL CARE

During the vacation if you need medical advice please contact your usual GP surgery between 8.30am and 6.00pm each weekday. Outside these times, during the weekend and bank holidays (Christmas Day (25<sup>th</sup> December), Boxing Day (26<sup>th</sup> December) and New Year's Day (1<sup>st</sup> January) and other public holidays, please call the NHS 111 Service.

If you have a life-threatening illness please call 999 for an ambulance but you must alert the Porters' Lodge so that the ambulance crew can be directed to the correct location.

If you experience a mental health crisis you can access immediate help from a qualified mental health practitioner by dialling 111 and selecting option 2 when prompted.

Call 111 if:

- you need medical help fast but it's not a 999 emergency
- you think you need to go to A&E or need another NHS urgent care service
- you don't know who to call or you don't have a GP to call
- you need health information or reassurance about what to do next

If you are unsure what to do please contact the Porters' Lodge (01223 747111).

### TUTORS

If any students need to contact a Tutor urgently during the vacation period, there is a rota of Duty Tutors available – please contact the Porters' Lodge (01223 747111).

If your own Tutor is not available to assist with a non-urgent but time-sensitive matter, please email [seniortutor@homerton.cam.ac.uk](mailto:seniortutor@homerton.cam.ac.uk).

### EMERGENCIES

For all emergencies, please **contact the Porters' Lodge (01223 747111)** in the first instance who will inform appropriate staff members as required.

## FACILITIES AND SERVICES

## CATERING

### DECEMBER 2023

Monday 4<sup>th</sup>– Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December

- Breakfast 7.30-9.00am
- Lunch 12.00-2.00pm
- Dinner 5.30-6.30pm

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December

No Counter Service

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December

- Breakfast 7.30-9.00am
- Lunch 12.00-2.00pm
- No Evening Counter Service
- No Weekend Counter Service

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December

- Breakfast/Brunch 8.00am-12.00pm

#### Buttery

8.00am – 4.00pm Mon – Fri until 19<sup>th</sup> December

8.00am – 4.00pm Saturdays & Sundays until 17<sup>th</sup> December

#### Griffin Bar

6.00pm – 11.00pm until Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December

Please note:

Counter Lunch on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> & Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December will be served in the Buttery due to external Christmas Lunches.

No catering at weekends

Closed from 24<sup>th</sup> December until 2<sup>nd</sup> January.

Please read the latest Catering information here: [Food and Drink \(cam.ac.uk\)](https://www.cam.ac.uk/food-and-drink)

## GYM

The Gym in Queen's Wing will remain open. Please could students refrain from using the weights unless somebody else is in the Gym in case of accidents.

## HOUSEKEEPING

### JANUARY 2024

#### Buttery

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>– Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January

Breakfast 7.30-9.00am

Lunch 12.00-2.00pm

No Counter Service on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January

#### Buttery

8.00am-4.00pm on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January – Back to Normal Opening Hours

- Breakfast 7.30-9.00am
- Lunch 12.00-2.00pm
- Dinner 5.30-7.00pm

There will be no Housekeeping services between 23<sup>rd</sup> December and 1st January inclusive. Housekeeping will resume on 2<sup>nd</sup> January. Black bin bags will be provided in the kitchens and gyp rooms for students to dispose of any rubbish in, and there will be linen, towels and toilet rolls available at the Porters' Lodge.

For any emergency Housekeeping issues, please could students contact the Porters' Lodge who may be able to assist.

## LAUNDERETTES

The launderettes in West House will remain open.

## IT

The IT Department will be closed from 12.00pm on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December to 8.00am on 2<sup>nd</sup> January. Any laptops left with the IT Department for repair MUST be picked up before 12.00pm (noon) on 22<sup>nd</sup> December.

The Eduroam wireless service will be running unattended from 12.00pm on 22<sup>nd</sup> December to 8.00am on 2<sup>nd</sup> January. The service is normally very stable, and problems are not anticipated, but it will be monitored remotely, and any problems dealt with where possible.

## LIBRARY - MARY ALLAN BUILDING

The Library will be open throughout the Christmas/New Year period (including Christmas Day) to students and staff that currently have access to the building using their University card. The Library will be staffed until 2.00pm on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December and will be fully staffed again from 9.00am on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January. Our self-issue machine will allow you to borrow items from the Library during the vacation and jigsaw puzzles, chess and other wellbeing activities will also be available. Please note that any email enquiries, book returns, or technology issues will be dealt with as soon as possible after staff return in January.

## MAIL

There will be NO Royal Mail collections between 22<sup>nd</sup> December and 3<sup>rd</sup> January. The last collection will be on 21<sup>st</sup> December.

## MAINTENANCE

If there is a serious maintenance issue on site, such as a water or gas leak, students must call 47111 (on call duty Porter), or 01223 747111 if dialling externally.

## PORTERS' LODGE – MARY ALLAN BUILDING

The Porters' Lodge will be staffed throughout the holiday season; however, during the public holidays there will be fewer Porters/staff available on duty.

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## STUDENT ACCESS

Access into the College from 23<sup>rd</sup> December to 2<sup>nd</sup> January inclusive will be:

- via the pedestrian and vehicle gate (half open) on Hills Road in front of the Mary Allan Building from 5.30am to Midnight, with card access outside of these times.
- via the visitors' car park in Harrison Drive from 5.30am to Midnight, with card access outside of these times.
- All other gates/doors will be card access only.

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## A NOTE FOR RESIDENTS

The MAB pedestrian gate can be accessed by card at night. Please, could those who stay in residence during Christmas Day and Boxing Day ensure that they can operate the MAB pedestrian gate by putting your card on the reader then push to open or pull to close.

## TUTORIAL OFFICE

The Tutorial office will close at 12.00pm on 22<sup>nd</sup> December and will re-open at 9.00am on 2<sup>nd</sup> January.