



Hey I'm Fengyi, a 3rd year medic. I was born in China and later moved to Singapore for school.

My most memorable 'cultural' experience would be celebrating Chinese New Year with my fellow international and local friends through Chinese takeaway. For me, commensality - or simply put as eating together with others - always fosters strong bonds of solidarity.

I know moving to a new country can seem daunting and anxiety-inducing, but you are never alone. Whenever you need a nice talk, some comfort food, or just a shoulder to cry on, we are always here for you.

I look forward to seeing you.

Comfort food - steamboat or hotpot

Fav cultural experience at Cambridge - Takeaway for Chinese New Year.



Hi, my name is Oscar and I'm a third year law student. My family is originally Irish but I was raised in Belgium. I speak French, Spanish, and English fluently (and some Dutch).

Bizarrely enough, I thought that going to Cambridge would be a relatively easy transition given my anglophone background. However, I was surprised at the big transition it turned out to be and how out of touch I was. In that regard, having the International Freshers Committee was a huge help and it really warmed me to everything. So if you ever have any questions, or simply want to have a drink, I am more than happy to help!

I'm Sharvani, a third year Natural Sciences student specialising in Zoology.

Born in India and raised in Singapore, coming to Cambridge was the first time I'd ever been to the UK. Despite having previously travelled quite extensively, I was hit with homesickness and cultural shock during my first weeks in Girton, which was exacerbated by covid not allowing my parents to accompany me. Everything was so overwhelming, there seemed a 101 things to be done - adulting as an international student seemed especially hard! I can now confidently say that Girton and Cambridge have become my homes in the UK, within which I have found people who are my second family. I want to do my best to help you feel the same.



Comfort food - rice and daal/any South Indian food

Fav cultural experience at Cambridge - dressing up in ethnic clothes and distributing Indian sweets to Fellows and my friends for Diwali last year!

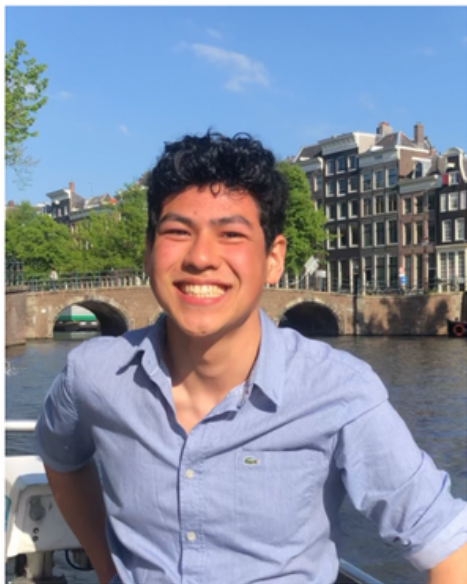




Hi I'm Cindy, a second year studying PBS. Congrats on your offers, and welcome to the best college in Cambridge :) A little bit about me - I'm originally from Taiwan and grew up in Shanghai, so coming to Cambridge was my first time ever in the UK. I know it can be overwhelming to come to a new school or a new country, I remember being exactly where you were a year ago. Hopefully IFW will be a fun experience to help you settle into your new home and meet some other international friends. I hope you enjoy the rest of your summer and I can't wait to meet you soon!

Comfort food - hotpot or 年糕

Fav cultural experience at Cambridge - cooking hotpot and making bubble tea with my friends on Chinese New Year.



Hello! I'm Matias, a 4th year engineering student. I hope you're all looking forward to the next 3/4 years of your lives here -- it's going to be a fun ride. I'm half Portuguese and half Chinese and I grew up in 7 different countries, so moving around has been nothing short of a constant in my life. I speak Portuguese, English, French and Mandarin.

I'm here to provide a helping hand and a listening ear for any questions you might have. A lot will change in your life in the coming weeks, so keep an open mind and take in as much as you can. I'm looking forward to meeting everyone! Until then, safe travels and keep the excitement growing.

Hi, I'm Sheryl (黃千柔), a second year studying vet. A huge congratulations to all of your hard work and I look forward to see all of you at Girton. I hold a Taiwanese passport but I grew up in Shanghai and went to an international school there. I speak fluent Mandarin, English, Shanghainese and some very broken Spanish. Flying across the world and coming to Cambridge was a huge transition for me and I hope this international fresher's week will help you smoothly settle in. I hope to see all of you soon and if you have any questions, do ask us! :)

Comfort food - hotpot and chicken noodle soup

Fav cultural experience at Cambridge - playing mahjong with my friends, going to a Chinese new year ball and giving out red packets to my friends on Chinese new year.

