

## Wendy Klein presentation at 19 June 2025 Offerholder Webinar

### Understanding the Cambridge system

For those who weren't at our March webinar, I'll quickly share last year's Girton admissions numbers for information - we welcomed 172 new postgraduates and hope to have similar numbers this October. A few other stats from last year's intake: Of the 172, 43% are female, 70% overseas leading to a very rich cultural community at Girton, 42 different departments are represented with many more courses, 18% are on Phd courses, and 17 students are in receipt of College admissions scholarships.

As we head toward the 31 July deadline, we would like to ask any of you who are uncertain whether you will be able to come to Cambridge in October to contact us by email to let us know of that uncertainty for the purposes of our planning next year. Also, if you have more than one course application, it would be good to know which of these you intend to take up if possible – I understand you may be waiting for your academic results before choosing one of them but it would be helpful to know.

Continue to monitor your list of outstanding conditions. And if you need an ATAS, and you'll know who you are, we hope that you will already have or are very soon going to apply for it. Those who need a visa will be issued a CAS pretty quickly after you have met all of your University conditions. All conditions are monitored by the central Admissions Office (or PAO) and not by us. However, you may contact us if, in particular, one of your conditions has taken longer than 10 days to process.

The closer we get to that University deadline, the busier PAO gets – try to submit your documents as soon you can. If you need to, you may apply for an extension with PAO for just one outstanding condition (often it's the academic one or possibly ATAS) – PAO will provide information about that process – you cannot have an extension for more than one condition. To be added to the allocation list for a room at Girton, you need to have been confirmed by and have applied for accommodation by the 15th of July. We always know that there will be people for whom this is difficult so please don't worry – just the sooner all is taken care of, the better for everyone.

PAO notify us that you have been fully confirmed and then we let the Accommodation office know that date.

It's not unusual to choose to live in private accommodation – there is quite a lot in Cambridge – even if you live out, you will have member access to all facilities at the College. The University has an Accommodation Service that you can apply to once you're fully confirmed.

A few more random things:

Please remember to return the College's Declaration form TO US.

Those who will be coming on MPhils that have exams or are on other taught courses need to be aware that Cambridge does not, for the most part, offer resit examinations – this is important to remember when the time comes.

Important to note is that the majority of postgraduates do not follow the 8-week undergraduate terms in Cambridge other than those on MAST, LLM/MCL or some other taught MPhil courses. You will hear the names Michaelmas, Lent and Easter term quite a lot – even though you do, this is to emphasise that PGs are here for the duration of their degree so need to be careful about booking holiday. Please discuss planned vacations with your Postgrad Tutor and department BEFORE booking them.

PGs must live in Cambridge unless they apply to live elsewhere (outside the 10-mile radius from the centre of Cambridge). To apply to live outside the "precinct" you would need to wait until you have

your Camsis self-service account to do so which happens after matriculation at the end of September. If you have any questions about the residency requirement, please email us.

The College's MCR (represented at this webinar today) will provide a Whatsapp group link in the summer for those who are fully confirmed – this is a wholly student-managed group, and we ask that you please do respect boundaries of the volunteers who are managing it and treat everyone respectfully.

We are strongly suggesting this year that everyone obtain a UK mobile number – without it, you may not be able to access NHS medical services online or over the telephone. SIMS are easily obtainable and are quite cheap.

**And lastly, remember that you are always welcome to arrange a visit to Girton – please email us to organise a time.**