



Robinson College MCR Freshers' Week 2016

Week 1: Saturday 1st October - Friday 7th October

Week 2: Saturday 8th October - Friday 14th October

Welcome to Robinson College MCR! What follows is an outline of the events and activities we have planned for you upon your arrival in Cambridge.

If you are planning to arrive in Cambridge before 30th September, please do not hesitate to email one of our Freshers' Week organisers:

Maxine Lamb and Anna Fee (Presidents): mcr-president@robinson.cam.ac.uk

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They will be more than happy to answer any queries you have, show you around and help you get settled in at Robinson.

Please note that the exact details of these events may change nearer the time, but we will keep you informed of any alterations via the MCR website (<http://mcr.robinson.cam.ac.uk>) or via email once you are here.

You can find us on Facebook under '[Robinson MCR 2016/17](#)' – please like our page to keep up to date with information on events and other things happening in the MCR.

We also have a Twitter account for those who tweet - [@RobinsonMCR](#).

Also note that during Freshers' week; anyone living out of college can get a taxi home from any of our college events at the end of the night for free. Just speak to the Presidents (Anna and Maxine), Vice-Presidents (Liam and Mark) or Treasurer (Jian Siang).

We look forward to meeting you during Freshers' Week!

The MCR Committee

WEEK 1

Friday 30th September

Pub Night Welcome

8 pm – 11 pm, meet at 7.50 pm at the Porters Lodge to walk down as a group

Please join us for a few drinks in the relaxed environment of The Granta pub; a perfect opportunity to greet Freshers' and meet up with "seasoned" members of the MCR! Meet at the Porters Lodge at 7.50pm to walk down as a group or catch up with us at the pub.

If you are meeting us at the pub, the address is The Granta, Newnham Terrace, CB3 9EX. To get to it from Robinson porters lodge; turn right from the front of college onto Grange Road, take the first left onto West Road and walk to the end of the road. Then turn right onto Queens' Road, walk straight over the crossroads and the Granta is on your left, just past Darwin college.

Saturday 1st October

Meet and Greet

2 – 4 pm, MCR

A chance to meet other new Freshers and the MCR committee plus pick up welcome packs from the Cambridge University Student's Union (CUSU) and the Graduate Union (GU). You will find us this in the MCR which is up the stairs off Long Court by the Chapel.

Kitchen Tea Parties

4 – 6 pm, Thorneycreek, 3 Sylvester Road (SR), 3A SR ground floor and 3B SR ground floor

Come and meet your housemates over the traditional pastime of English afternoon tea! Cakes, scones and tea will be provided in a kitchen in your house. For those in Thorneycreek Cottage, head over to the main Thorneycreek house for tea.

MCR Welcome Cocktail Party

8 pm - late, MCR

An ancient Robinson MCR tradition (or about as ancient as traditions go in this college!) is our infamous welcome cocktail party! It's the perfect way to meet lots of people from different houses, courses and years. Probably one of our biggest events of the year - be sure not to miss it! Cocktails, mocktails, beer, soft drinks and snacks provided along with the odd experimental drink rerated by the MCR committee! An event not to be missed!

Sunday 2nd October

College Squash

11.30 am - 1.30 pm, Dining Hall

This is probably one of the first words you will come across where the word has a completely different meaning in Cambridge! This is not the sport or the drink but the Robinson College

Societies Fair run by the RCSA. Go down to the main dining hall (off Long Court) to have a look at what extracurricular college activities Robinson has to offer and maybe sign up to one or two. If you are interested in rowing during your time in Cambridge then this is the time to go and sign up with boat club.

Brunch

12.30 pm – 2 pm, MCR

To cement those new found friendships made at the cocktail party (and to wash away any potential hangovers), join us for a continental brunch in the MCR where there will be plenty of freshly brewed coffee, breads, jam, cold meats and cheese to get you up and running for the day.

College Tour

2 pm - 2.30 pm, leaves from MCR after brunch

A tour of the main college facilities to help you acquaint yourself with all the important parts of college: from the bar to the bike sheds!

Walking tour of Cambridge

2.30 pm, leaves from Porters Lodge after the college tour

A short walking tour of Cambridge pointing out most of the important and famous landmarks as well as pointing you in the right direction to where you buy a gown, the nearest supermarket, how to avoid being run over by bicycles and generally about how to survive in Cambridge. Don't forget your camera!

Sunday Film Night

8 pm, MCR

Our weekly Sunday film night rounds off the weekend with free pizza, beer and soft drinks. Film to be announced closer to the time. An ideal way to relax before the beginning of the week.

Monday 3rd October

Matriculation and the Matriculation Photograph

5.45 pm, Auditorium Lounge for Matriculation and 6.15 pm for the photo

All new graduates must matriculate (the Cambridge term for enrolling). You will meet the Warden, the senior tutor and the graduate tutors and sign the appropriate documents. Additionally, a photograph will be taken of all the incoming graduate students N.B if you were an undergraduate at Robinson previously you do not matriculate again.

New graduates should be ready to sign the Matriculation Sheet in the Auditorium Lounge at 5.45 pm and then be ready for the photograph at 6.15 pm in Front Court.

The dress code is suits and ties for gentleman, smart for ladies. Gowns must also be worn. If you know you will not have a gown in time for matriculation, please let the MCR president

know at least one day before (i.e. Sunday 2nd) and they will arrange for you to collect one from the porters lodge.

Pre-dinner drinks

6.45 pm, Hall balcony

Preceding the matriculation dinner, sparkling wine will be served on the hall balcony to celebrate the great occasion of matriculation and to formally welcome you to Robinson. Please note that only new grads who have matriculated on this day are invited to the dinner.

Matriculation dinner

7.15 pm for 7.30 pm, Dining Hall

A chance to experience your first formal dining experience at Cambridge with the Matriculation dinner in the Hall for all those who matriculated on this day. You should receive an invitation from the college with your welcome pack and there is no need to RSVP but please tell the college of any dietary requirements you have as early as possible. Dress code for dinner is suits and ties for gentleman, smart for ladies. Gowns must also be worn.

Following dinner, cheese and port will be served in the MCR (and all MCR members are welcome to join us)

N.B. if you are a continuing undergraduate at Robinson you are not entitled to attend the dinner but please do join us for post-dinner drinks. You get a free formal on the Tuesday 13th October.

Tuesday 4th October (Start of Full Term)

CUSU Societies Fair

11 am – 4 pm, Kelsey Kerridge Sports Centre & Parkers Piece

This is the definitive Cambridge societies and sports squash. Almost every Cambridge society will be under one roof, each begging you to sign up. Dominos is usually on hand offering free pizza. The queue can be quite long, so turn up early if you want entry. Doors open an hour earlier on Tuesday for students with disabilities and student parents.

Wine & Cheese with the Fellows

7 pm – 9 pm, Garden Room

The Robinson College Fellows invite all new graduates to enjoy a wine and cheese evening in the Garden Room (through the doors to Auditorium off Front Court and down the stairs). Mingle with the fellows over a generous glass of red wine and a large chunk of tasty Brie!

Wednesday 5th October

CUSU Societies Fair

11 am – 3 pm, Kelsey Kerridge Sports Centre & Parkers Piece

A second chance to attend the CUSU Societies Fair at Kelsey Kerridge. If you didn't manage to make it down on Tuesday, be sure to get down today because after that it's gone!

Grange Road College Bar Crawl **8 pm onwards, Starting at the Porters Lodge**

On this night we have invited a host of other colleges that are situated in and around Grange Road to join us for a drink in our college bar. In return they have invited us to go and have a drink in their college or MCR bars - a great chance to socialise with other postgrads from outside Robinson!

Thursday 6th October (Start of Lectures)

Kitchen Dinners **7.30 pm onwards, Hostel kitchens**

Communal cooking and friendly chat is the order of the day here! We have left this evening free from MCR Committee interference for those living in Hostels to take the opportunity to get to know the people you will be sharing with for the next academic year. So, take this opportunity to discover the delights of communal living! The idea is that each member of the household will bring a dish for all to share – be it a main, side dish or dessert! Do not worry if you can't cook, just bring something shop-bought for all to munch on!

In order to co-ordinate this, sign-up sheets will be pinned up in each Hostel with a space to indicate what you plan to bring. This will help to ensure that each kitchen doesn't end up with 10 desserts and 4 salads but no main course! Bring your own drinks and don't forget to contribute to the clean up!

Footlights International Tour Show 2016: Lagoon **11 pm, ADC Theatre**

Footlights are Cambridge's premier comedy group whose former members include Stephen Fry, Hugh Laurie and Robinson's own Robert Webb. Having taken this sketch show all over the UK and US, performing to over twenty thousand people, they now return to the ADC theatre in Cambridge. There are other opportunities to watch the Footlights throughout the year but this is their biggest show of the year and has received some fantastic reviews so this is definitely a treat not to be missed!

We will be heading out from the Porters lodge at 10.30 pm or meet us at the ADC Theatre.

Sign up required as tickets are limited.

Friday 7th October

Pub Crawl **7 pm - late, start at Robinson**

It wouldn't be a Freshers' Week without a trip round some of the local pubs. Come and sample some of the finer pubs in Cambridge, advancing as the night goes on towards the heady nightclubs of Cambridge! Drinking and/or crawling optional! A route will be published online during the week with approximate timings so that if you want to come along later you can find us.

WEEK 2

Saturday 8th October

Punting

2 pm, meet in MCR

Enjoy the quintessential Cambridge experience! Meet at 2pm in the MCR and we will head down to the river and enjoy a leisurely punt along the College backs. Punting provides great views of the Colleges and an excellent way to unwind on a Saturday afternoon!

Sign up required (so that we can gauge the number of punts needed)

Afternoon Tea

3.30 pm - 5.30 pm, MCR

A true English tradition that is a perfect way to unwind. Join us in the MCR for tea, cake and scones with jam and clotted cream. This year we are raising money for Macmillan Cancer Support. So bring along your own baked goods for a chance to win the star prize!

Sunday 9th October

Brunch

12.30 pm – 2 pm, MCR

Once more, the MCR will be filled with the aroma of freshly brewed coffee, tea and our normal continental brunch selection.

Film Night

8 pm, MCR

The second instalment of our weekly film night held each Sunday during term. Great way to relax and enjoy a good film with friends. Popcorn provided. Film title will be announced closer to the time.

Monday 10th October

Grad Dinner

6 pm, Garden Restaurant

Head down to the Garden Restaurant (Cafeteria) from 6pm for a chance to catch up with fellow graduates over some dinner. We have our own reserved table every Monday evening where anyone can turn up and sit down knowing that you will be sitting with fellow MCR members. Don't forget to bring some cash or charge up your food account online first!

Games & Cakes

7 pm – 9 pm, MCR

Join us for a dramatic night as we break out the MCR's selection of board games to find out how competitive you really are! Tea and a selection of other soft drinks will be provided as

well as a wide variety of cakes and other sweet treats to ensure that your blood sugar levels are kept high!

Tuesday 11th October

Tuesday Hall

7 pm, MCR (for pre-dinner drinks) – 7.30 pm Dining Hall (for dinner)

Another great opportunity to enjoy the delectable cuisine of Robinson formal hall! We will be making a group MCR booking, so be sure to keep an eye open for the sign up form online once you get here! The cost will be £9.90, **though if you're a new Grad and were not entitled to go to the Matriculation dinner, it will be free!** Pre-dinner drinks will be served in the MCR beforehand from 7pm with cheese and port following dinner.

Sign up required

Wednesday 12th October

Curry and Pub

7.30 pm, meet at Porters Lodge

Simply what the description says – meet at 7.30pm at the Porters Lodge from where we will head to Cocum, on Castle Hill for a trip to one of the local curry houses. After which we will decant into The Castle Inn just a few doors down the hill for a refreshing post-curry pint (or something soft). If you can't make it for the curry, feel free to join us at the pub – we are likely to be there around 9.30pm.

Sign up required (for curry so we can book a table for the right number of people)

Thursday 13th October

Bowling

6.30 pm - 9pm, meet at MCR at 6.30 pm or Cambridge Leisure Centre at 7 pm

Tonight, we will make use of our taxi tab to venture to the far side of town for some bowling! Meet in the MCR at 6:30pm or at Cambridge Leisure Centre for 7pm for an evening of strikes and gutter rolling!

Sign up required

Friday 14th October

MCR End of Freshers' Week Party

8 pm – late, MCR

And to see off the week in style, we'll be gathering in the MCR for free food and drink once more. A slightly more chilled out affair, to let you all recover a bit before you enter the thick of it, with the theme being 'Rustic English Pub'. Come try the cheese and crusty bread, or maybe sip a pint of complementary draught ale from the keg and regale us with your tales of 'when I were an undergrad'!