Welcome

We are delighted that you are considering Gonville & Caius for your special day. With its central location and breath-taking grounds, few other venues can provide such an enchanting experience; spectacular architecture steeped in history and exquisite gardens.

Gonville & Caius is one of the oldest University of Cambridge colleges and has set the standard for scholarly excellence since 1348 when it was founded by Edmund Gonville. With the same commitment to excellence, our wedding team has a renowned reputation for attention to detail, innovative food and superior service, all placed within a stunning setting.

Everyone is welcome to have their wedding reception in the College and members of the college who are within current residence, or out of residence for no more than five years, may have their ceremony in the College Chapel. Our Civil Ceremony Licence allows us to offer wedding ceremonies to all, in a range of function rooms and also the gardens at our West Road site.

Enjoy a glass of sparkling wine or Champagne in Gonville Court, followed by your wedding breakfast which can be held in one of our memorable venues, including our Old Courts Main Hall. Choose your wedding menu from our range of dishes designed by our talented team of chefs. Photographs can be taken in our Old Courts or in the sweeping grounds of Harvey Court.
Civil Ceremony

A civil ceremony is available to couples also booking their wedding reception at Caius.

Our licensed venues are:

- The Bateman Auditorium
- The Green Room
- The Junior Parlour
- The Senior Parlour
- The Cavonius Centre (from July 2020)

Room capacities and hire rates are detailed on the following page.

Chapel Service

A limited number of Church of England weddings can be held each year in the College Chapel and are reserved for current Caius members or alumni who graduated within the last five years.

Please enquire further for information with the College Dean via deans.secretary@cai.cam.ac.uk.

Garden Wedding

We are delighted to announce the arrival of our new wedding gazebo to our Harvey Court gardens. This allows us to host outdoor civil wedding ceremonies with the Cavonius Centre reserved as our wet weather plan.

We are equally delighted to host Humanist weddings. The sweeping gardens of Harvey Court provide the ideal back drop for your ceremony.

The total cost of venue hire is £945 including a wet
Civil Ceremony Room Guide

The capacities of our licensed venues are detailed below and include the couple and two registrars:

Old Courts

- The Bateman Auditorium - 102 people
  £810
- The Green Room - 25 people
  £390
- The Junior Parlour - 12 people
  £330
- The Senior Parlour - 50 people
  £570

West Road

- The Cavonius Centre (from July 2020) - 100 people (capacity is a guide only pending Register Office approval)
  £810
- Harvey Court Gardens - as above due to wet weather contingency
  £945 (including Cavonius Centre for use in wet weather)
Your wedding reception

Our wedding reception package includes the venue for your celebration and the following catering for your special day;

Venue
- Gonville Court or Harvey Court gardens for your reception drinks
- Caius Court, Tree Court or Harvey Court gardens for photographs
- Old Courts Main Hall for your wedding breakfast including table linen
- Bar and Underbar for your evening reception

Catering
- Reception drinks two glasses of sparkling wine per person
- Canapé menu four items per person
- Three course meal choice of menu
- Wine with the meal half a bottle of house wine per person
- Toasts one glass of sparkling wine per person

Extras
- Personalised menus
- Wedding coordinator assistance on the day
- A secure storage room for belongings left at the end of the evening

All for £135 per person

Please note that this package is based on a minimum of 100 guests

Upgrade your package

The following enhancements are available, please ask for further details;
- Champagne instead of sparkling wine
- Jugs of Pimm’s
- College Port
- Cheese course
- Sorbet course
- Enhanced menu

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Canapés

Cold options
- Asparagus with goats cheese sabayon
- Cherry tomatoes with guacamole
- Foie gras sandwich, beetroot jam
- Gazpacho Andalucia
- Herb rolled tuna, sweet-corn blini
- Honey and thyme baked figs wrapped in Parma ham
- Smoked duck breast, toasted brioche, plum sauce
- Smoked salmon, red onion and pepper jam

Hot options
- Chicken yakatori with shiso
- Cornish crab cake, mango relish
- Deep-fried brie, raspberry powder
- Herb frittata, lemon mayonnaise
- Roast beef, Yorkshire pudding and horseradish
- Scampi and chips, tartare sauce
- Slow confit duck leg pastille, plum dipping sauce
- Tomato and basil aranchini

Select four options from the lists of hot and cold canapés

Wedding breakfast sample menu

Garden pea panna cotta
Baby vegetables, crisp air-dried ham, black olive crumb and sun-dried tomato palmier

Griddled asparagus
Smoked cod brandade, pickled radish and burnt lemon butter

Citrus cured salmon
New potato, dill and caviar, micro watercress salad

Fillet of sea trout
Topped with a tomato and olive crust, Jersey royal potato cake, chard asparagus, beurre noisette

Roasted Dingley Dell pork fillet
Pork cheek croquette, griddled polenta, chard aubergine, harissa spiced jus

Slow cooked shoulder of Suffolk lamb
New potatoes, peas and broad beans, soft goats curd and pine nuts

Mango and passion fruit délice
Tropical fruit and mint syrup

Strawberries and cream
Sherry sponge, vanilla panna cotta, marinated strawberries and black pepper tuille

Glazed lemon tart
Clotted cream and raspberry sorbet

Please select one item per course in order to build your set menu
Gonville & Caius has the facilities to accommodate your guests to ensure a smooth transition from day to night.

All accommodation is located on our West Road site and is home to our 174 ensuite bedrooms, split between the Stephen Hawking and Harvey Court Buildings with a mix of singles, doubles, twins and triples, and include five purpose-designed accessible rooms. Please note that children under 16 years of age must be accompanied in a room with an adult. Please consult with the Meetings & Events Office when making your room reservation.

The nightly rate includes a full English and continental buffet breakfast and WiFi, with tea and coffee making facilities and spa toiletries in the room.

**Single ensuite bedroom £93 per night**  
1 single bed

**Double ensuite bedroom £117 per night**  
1 double bed

**Triple ensuite bedroom £147 per night**  
1 double bed and 1 single bed

Check-in is from 2pm and check-out is by 10am. Should you require secure luggage storage outside of these times, please contact the Harvey Court Porters’ Lodge.

Parking is not provided automatically for guests, please ask for details.

Bedrooms can be booked directly via our website with discounts available for a block of 10 rooms or more. Please ask for details.
When are your facilities available for hire?

We are only able to host weddings during the College vacation periods. Please ask for our availability.

How can we make a provisional booking?

Please contact the Meetings & Events Office who will be happy to take your details and make a provisional booking for you. Provisional bookings can be held for a maximum of 10 days.

How do we confirm our provisional booking?

When a provisional booking is made you should be sent a booking form which includes the details of your booking and the terms and conditions. To confirm the booking, please return a signed copy of this booking form within 10 days of making the provisional booking and speak to your event manager regarding the 10% deposit required.

When do I need to confirm details?

Final details for your wedding are due no less than 15 working days before the start of your event. Final details will include the number of guests, seating plan, timings, menu selection, special diets and other special requests.

Do your prices include VAT?

Yes. All of our prices are detailed inclusive of VAT.

How do we pay for our wedding?

A deposit of 10% of the estimated total value of your wedding will be required upon confirmation of your booking. The final balance will subsequently be required 15 working days prior to your wedding unless other arrangements are agreed which will allow us to send an invoice after your wedding. Payment may be made by cheque or via a BACS transfer (as specified in the booking form) and must be received by the College within 28 days of the date of the invoice.

Can we have a choice menu?

We regret that we cannot offer a choice menu. Please choose one starter, one main and one sweet from our menu. Please also choose the canapés that you would like for your reception. We can cater for most special diets so please advise no less than 15 working days before your event.

Do you provide menu cards and place name cards?

We provide crested menu cards at no additional cost, however we do not provide place name cards. If you require these please send them along to us with a seating plan at least 5 days before the event.

Do I have to pay an additional venue hire charge?

The venue hire charge is included within the wedding package. If you wish to book your Civil Ceremony with us, an additional hire fee will be requested.

Can guests smoke on College property?

Each site has designated smoking areas in which guests of the College are permitted to smoke. Guests are not permitted to smoke outside of these areas.

Can we bring our own food or drink?

Unfortunately, due to strict food safety guidelines, food and drinks not purchased from the College are not, without the prior written permission of the College, permitted on the College’s premises. Alcoholic beverages may be brought on to College premises by prior arrangement only and will be subject to a corkage charge.

Are your dining rooms wheelchair accessible?

Our Main Hall, The Cavonius Centre, Stephen Hawking Building and Harvey Court’s public areas are fully accessible with accessible bedrooms available in both buildings also. The accessibility of other function rooms in Old Courts varies. Please notify your event manager of any special access requirements or ask if you would like further details.
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How to find us

All visitors attending the Old Courts should report to the Old Courts Porters’ Lodge on Trinity Street, Cambridge, CB2 1TA which is staffed 24 hours a day; the telephone number is 01223 332400.

All visitors attending either Harvey Court or the Stephen Hawking Building should report to the West Road Porters’ Lodge at 5 West Road, Cambridge, CB3 9DS which is also staffed 24 hours a day; the telephone number is 01223 335400.

Arriving by car
Due to the city centre location parking is limited but may be available, although MUST be pre-booked through the Meetings & Events Office. Guests should find alternative parking in Cambridge or use the park and ride services. For further information, please visit www.cambridgeparkandride.info. The nearest NCP car parks are Park Street and the Grand Arcade.

Arriving by train
The railway station is located 1 mile south of the city centre. Cambridge is on a branch of the East Coast Main Line and is easily accessible from all parts of the country. There is a frequent train service between Cambridge and London to both King’s Cross and Liverpool Street. The King’s Cross service is quicker and takes about 45 minutes. Trains leave roughly every half hour during the day. There is a 5 or 6 hour gap between around midnight and about 6am when no trains run between the two cities. If you are travelling from Scotland or the north, it is advisable to change at Peterborough.

Arriving by coach
National Express coaches stop at Parker’s Piece in the city centre, which is a walk of approximately 15-20 minutes to either Caius site. There are regular services to Cambridge from London Victoria, London Stansted Airport and many other towns and cities throughout the UK. The Stagecoach X5 service runs daily between Cambridge and Oxford, also connecting Bicester and Milton Keynes amongst others.

Arriving by air
Of the four main London airports (Gatwick, Heathrow, Luton and Stansted), Stansted is by far the most convenient for Cambridge. Stansted Airport is just 28 miles south of Cambridge. Easy access is provided by coach or car via the M11. A regular rail service operates between Stansted Airport and Cambridge and takes approximately 30 minutes. London Gatwick, London Heathrow and London Luton are all within a 1-2 hour drive of Cambridge and also accessible by public transport via connecting bus and train services in London.

Arriving by sea
Harwich is the nearest passenger port and is located 68 miles south-east of Cambridge. There are connecting passenger services to Esbjerg (Denmark) and Hook of Holland. Good road and rail links from Cambridge make Harwich International easily accessible.
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