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.

Anyone 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 current Civil Ceremony Licence allows us to offer wedding ceremonies to all, in a range of function rooms.

Enjoy a glass of sparkling wine or Champagne in the garden, followed by your wedding breakfast which can be held in one of our memorable venues, including Acropolis at Caius seating up to 140 people. 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 total cost of venue hire is £540

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.

Humanist Ceremony
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 £540 including a wet weather plan.
Your wedding reception

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

**Venue**
- Tree Court or Harvey Court gardens for your reception drinks
- Caius Court or Harvey Court gardens for photographs
- Acropolis at Caius for your wedding breakfast including table linen
- Acropolis or Harvey Court Junior Common Room 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 £126 per person**

*Please note that this package is based on a minimum of 80 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
Gonville & Caius College has been injected with a touch of Ancient Greece with our innovative new event space which opened in July 2019.

The stylish marquee structure entitled Acropolis at Caius provides a spacious and flexible setting for an unforgettable wedding.

Named Acropolis because of its architectural shape and multiple glass sides around its linked hexagonal structures, the 2,150 sq ft facility is available until the end of September 2020 whilst some of the College’s kitchen and dining facilities in the Old Courts undergo a major refurbishment programme.

Acropolis at Caius is located in the beautiful Harvey Court gardens on the West Road site and provides guests with spectacular views of the College’s verdant gardens.

Guests dine on round tables with 10 people per table. The facility includes full audio visual provision offering background music and microphones for speeches.
Canapés

Cold options
Asparagus with goats cheese sabayon
Cherry tomatoes with guacamole
Foie gras sandwich, beetroot jam
Gazpacho Andalucía
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 list

Wedding breakfast sample menu

Confit duck leg salad
Grilled peach, watercress and feta
Oak smoked salmon
Asparagus rocket salad, lime and caviar dressing
Whipped goats cheese
Pickled beetroot, apple and sunflower seeds

Black pepper chicken supreme
Asparagus, caper, olive and lemon dressing, Jersey royals
Grilled salmon
Chive butter, lemon dressed stem broccoli, herb dressed new potato

Slow roasted belly of pork
Roasted pepper lentils, grilled sweetcorn puree, chorizo and yuzu

Broken pavlova
Vanilla cream and poached strawberry
Lemon posset
Lemon meringue oat crumble
Malt chocolate tart
Orange sorbet, white chocolate soil

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.

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 of £540 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?
The Cavonius Centre, Acropolis, Stephen Hawking Building and Harvey Court’s public areas are fully accessible with accessible bedrooms available in both buildings also. The accessibility of the 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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