Disability Access Information

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Location, Services and Transport

City centre. A 10–15 minute walk to the Downing Site, New Museums Site, Sidgwick Site and University Library.
Traffic

Traffic is restricted along Trinity Street weekdays 10am–4pm, but it is still rather busy with service vehicles, buses and bicycles. Pavements are narrow and cluttered with bicycles, and road surfaces are often cobbled and uneven.

Services and shops

City centre.

Parking

Tarmac (Tar and Chip) car park by Harvey Court accommodation block, on West Road. Up to two Disabled students can obtain a permit for parking in the underground car park. Several designated disabled bays on King's Parade for short-term parking.

Other transport options

Bus station ten minutes’ walk away. Uni 4 and Citi 4 bus leaves from West Road.

General Information

519 undergraduates and 354 postgraduates. For men and women. An old College, with many listed buildings. Buildings in West Road have good access for disabled students.

Smoking

No smoking in College buildings, including student rooms.

Medical facilities

Nurse holds a weekday surgery during full term by appointment (tel. 01223 338 421).

Emergency procedures

Advise Porters' Lodge if you will need help evacuating in an emergency. The College has 7 evacuation chairs located around the Old Courts and Harvey Court sites.

Accommodation and Catering

Wheelchair-accessible rooms

One room adapted for wheelchair use in Old Court, with wet room and small adapted kitchen. The Stephen Hawking building and Harvey Court have individual sets suitable for wheelchair use, with en-suite bathrooms and small adapted kitchenette areas.

Live-in assistants and assistance dogs

Live-in assistants a possibility, although actual arrangements would be difficult — discuss well in advance. Assistance dogs also a possibility.
Early induction and vacation stays

Early induction possible. Staying over vacation also negotiable, but you may be asked to move rooms.

Catering arrangements

Cafeteria or the Buttery serves breakfast and lunch daily, and dinner is a served meal in hall. Minimum dining requirement of 36 meals a term. In general, gyp rooms are small, and not suitable for self-catering. Wheelchair accessible rooms in the Stephen Hawking Building and Harvey Court have adaptable height kitchen facilities

Special diets

No problems with special diets or allergies. Discuss with Director of Catering. Information on ingredients is available on request.

Physical Access

College grounds in general

Level entrance through main gate. Access between courts is level or ramped. Surfaces generally slabbed paving, rather uneven, but cobbles can be avoided.

College buildings in general

Access to most buildings on main College site is possible, if sometimes a bit difficult. The new Stephen Hawking building and Harvey Court on West Road have good access.

Bar

Level access to bar from entrance. Fairly small inside, with tables and moveable stools. Low bar counter. One step down to Red Room.

Cafeteria

Serves lunch and dinner. Access via hall. Smooth and level, with low serving counters, but fairly small.

Chapel

Level access through two sets of double doors. Usually one door of each set is bolted. Level throughout, with fixed pews but some ground floor seating. Space for a wheelchair.

College offices

Most offices are on ground floor, but up several steps. Staff can meet you elsewhere on arrangement.

Common rooms

Both the MCR and JCR are on the ground floor, with access ramps fitted. Both have plenty of space inside.
**Computer facilities**

Computer room in basement of library, accessed via back door and small wheelchair lift whilst the Computer room in Harvey Court is on ground floor level.

**Dining hall**

Main dining hall on first floor, accessed via a large flight of stairs with handrails. Disabled access via a small lift to High Table end of Hall where a moveable ramp can be deployed down to the main Hall area.

**Fellows' areas**

 Mostly on mezzanine level, accessed via stairs, with handrail, or small lift. Disabled toilet on that level.

**Gardens**

Located off main site, near Harvey Court. Rather lumpy gravel paths and uneven lawn, accessible but with difficulty. Few benches.

**Laundry**

Laundry rooms in Harvey Court are well accessible for wheelchair users. Bedders can help with washing.

**Library**

First floor, up many stairs from main entrance. Lift from back entrance. Several steps down to lift, with a small wheelchair lift to one side. Two levels of shelves, only one accessible by lift. Proximity card access throughout. Spacious and carpeted.

**Porters' lodge and post room**

Large step up to Porters' Lodge, through large doors. Intercom near door. JCR members mail is kept near the bar whilst MCR members mail is in the MCR, with level access. Larger parcels are located in R Staircase up several steps but staff will assist with collections.

**Sport facilities**

There is a gym located on the ground floor of Harvey Court and some equipment is designed for those in wheelchairs. Sports fields on Barton Road, pavilion is accessible by use of ramps.

**Toilets**

Disabled toilets are located as follows:

- On mezzanine level (near Fellows' areas)
- In library (near the lift),
- Adjacent to B Staircase, Gonville Court
- Stephen Hawking building:
  - Adjacent to Cavonius Centre
  - 3rd Floor opposite lift
- Harvey Court:
Adjacent to Computer Room
Near Room B14
In JCR

Other

- Bateman auditorium in Caius Court has tiered seating, level access to stage and audience, and space for wheelchairs at the front of the seating area.

Visual Impairments

Assistance dogs
Assistance dogs welcome.

Computer facilities
Special hardware or software for visually impaired users could be acquired if necessary.

Large print, Braille and audio
Large print letters and information on request.

Library and magnification equipment
No special facilities for text enlargement.

Signs and wayfinding
No directional signposting, but most staircases are clearly marked. The main site is small, and wayfinding is not a problem.

Other

- Most steps and stairs are unmarked, but generally have handrails.

Hearing Impairments

Induction loops

- Both Porters Lodges’
- Bateman Auditorium
- Cavonius Centre
- Chapel

Alarms
Adapted sets in the new Stephen Hawking building and Harvey Court have visual and sensory alarms. More could be acquired if needed. Braille version of Fire Action Plan is held. Vibrating pillows are available.
Other

- Visitors are restricted, so the College is generally quiet.
- Quiet period over exam time.
- Library in particular has nice soft furnishings, and is very quiet.

Specific Learning Difficulties and Mental Health Issues

Arrangements for students with Specific Learning Difficulties are on an individual basis, in conjunction with the Disability Resource Centre. Discuss your needs with your tutor.

Planned Access Improvements

- Other access improvements will be made as and when they are needed.

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