The College Garden

The Garden is for quiet study and relaxation; the rules for its use by Junior Members are intended to preserve its atmosphere and appearance.

Dress: A respectable amount of clothing should be worn (sun bathing stripped to the waist is not appropriate) and behaviour should be decorous, bearing in mind that many visitors to the College and to Cambridge walk through the Garden.

Noise: musical instruments may not be played in the Garden, nor may radios, or audio equipment which uses speakers. The Garden must be quiet after midnight. Those whose rooms overlook the garden are asked to close their windows rather than let social noise or loud music cause disturbance to others. Requests for music at garden parties must be agreed separately.

Food and Drink: Members of College only may consume food and drink on New Court Lawn and on the paved terraces around the Bowling Green. Visitors are not permitted to picnic anywhere in the Garden. Bear in mind that hot cups cause lasting damage to the grass, and should therefore be kept well away from all lawns. All litter must be taken away with you: please use the bins provided for disposable food cases, and return any trays, crockery or cutlery brought from Hall or the buttery as soon as you have finished with them.

Damage: harm done to trees, plants, hedging or lawns will be treated as damage to College property.

Ball games are not permitted, except for croquet in the appropriate places at the permitted times in Easter Term. All other ball games and frisbees, and the use of roller blades and skateboards, are banned absolutely. It is also forbidden to ride a bicycle (or unicycle) in the College grounds.

The lawns: Junior Members are requested not to walk across any of the lawns; access to the garden seats around the Bowling Green may be made from the adjoining paths. Neither the Bowling Green nor New Court Lawn may be used as a short cut to surrounding Staircases.

New Court and Red Buildings Lawn may be used for relaxation and study, as may the sloping edges of the Bowling Green adjacent to the paved terraces. Please respect all planting of grass and hedges. On no account must short cuts be taken by stepping over the box hedges. Please walk through the openings between blocks of hedging instead.

The ponds: The main College Garden contains two ponds, both clearly visible, both ornamental. Access to them is reserved for the gardening staff only. The ponds contain deep water, and are potentially dangerous, especially to young children; Junior Members should treat them with respect, particularly when accompanied by those unaware of the risk, and must never dive or attempt to swim in them.

Garden parties: Parties may not be held in the Garden unless special permission
has been obtained in advance and may then only take place in the part of the Garden and at the times specifically appointed. Further details are available [here](#).

**Croquet Hours**

Croquet may be played at the following times and on the lawns specified in the Easter Term only:

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Croquet may not be played at any other time or place in College, to avoid disturbance to work and other activities in College. Croquet sets/lawns are booked via [RMS](#); croquet sets maybe collected from Porter's Lodge.