

Pembroke College interviews: notes for interviewees

Travelling to Cambridge

By car

Please note that there is no parking at Pembroke College.

The easiest option is to use the Park and Ride. <http://www.parkandride.net/cambridge>.

Shuttle buses depart for the city centre every 10-20 minutes. If you use the Madingley Road Park and Ride, you can alternatively use the Citi4 bus or Universal (U) bus, which stop on Drummer Street and Trumpington Street respectively.

There are car parks in the city centre too, but this is more expensive and there can be long queues.

<https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/parking>

By train

Pembroke College is a 1.2mile/2km walk from Cambridge Railway Station. The citi1, citi3, citi7 and citi8 buses each run every 10-20 minutes from the railway station to the city centre. The fare can be paid in cash. The buses also accept "PlusBus" – you can ask for this option to be included on your train ticket when you buy it. The station has a taxi rank (on right as you exit the ticket hall) with a journey to the city centre costing around £6.00-£7.00.

Please allow plenty of time for your journey.

Travelling in to and out of Cambridge in December can be slow because of the Christmas shopping season.

On arrival

Please report to the Porters' Lodge (main entrance on Trumpington Street, beside the corner of Trumpington and Pembroke Streets). The Porters will be happy to give directions to interview rooms and to the Junior Parlour (common room) or Café Pembroke, where you can read newspapers, chat or watch the television. There will be current students around to help you – they can be identified by the turquoise Pembroke t-shirts they will be wearing.

The Porters will have a copy of the timetable for each day, should you forget your interview invitation and need to check times/rooms.

Parents/carers/friends/family

If you are accompanied by parents/carers/friends/family, they are welcome to look around the public (i.e. outdoor) areas of the College. Please note that they are **not permitted** in the Junior Parlour (common room) or to accompany you to your interview room.

Accommodation

If you have booked overnight accommodation, ask at the Porters' Lodge for the key and for directions to your room.

Check-in and check-out

Rooms are available **from 14:30** on the day you arrive. You must vacate your room and return your key to the Porters' Lodge **by 09:00** on the morning of your departure.

Luggage

You may leave any luggage in the Old Library if you arrive before your room is available, or if you have to vacate it before you plan to leave Cambridge. If you would like to leave your luggage, please take it to the Porters' Lodge and they will help you to store it.

Meals and refreshments

Menu

<https://www.pem.cam.ac.uk/college/catering/information-students/servery-menu>

Times

Meals can be picked up in the canteen (in Old Court) and should be eaten in the dining hall. The standard opening hours appear below, but do check with the Porters' Lodge in case of any variation.

Breakfast 8.00am to 10.00am

Lunch 11.45am to 1.30pm
Evening meal 5.45pm to 6.45pm

To which meals am I entitled?

- Lunch is available free-of-charge to all interviewees on the day of their interview(s).
- An evening meal is available free-of-charge to interviewees who are staying over the same night.
- Breakfast is available free-of-charge to interviewees who have stayed over the previous night.

How do I claim my meal?

For lunch, please collect a meal voucher from the current students situated in the Junior Parlour (N staircase), wearing the turquoise Pembroke t-shirts. Once you have your voucher, make your way to the canteen (in Old Court) and help yourself to the food you would like (1x main or sandwich, 1 x side or salad, 1x pudding). Hand in your voucher at the till, and take your lunch through to the Hall opposite to enjoy.

For breakfast and dinner (if applicable), your meal vouchers will be included in the envelope you are given from the Porters when you collect your room key.

Please remember to stack your trays in the racks by the entrance to Hall once you have finished eating.

Refreshments

You can purchase drinks and snacks from Café Pembroke (N-staircase).

Medical help

Should you need medical assistance, please contact the Porters' Lodge either in person or on 01223 338100. The Lodge is manned 24-hours-a-day.

Finally...

If you need help with any matter, please do not hesitate to call in at the Admissions Office (M11) or at the Porters' Lodge. See also the "Interview Information" sheet for further details about your interviews. We look forward to meeting you!
