“Trinity Hall is a vibrant college with a fantastic sense of community spirit where everyone supports one another.”
Why choose Trinity Hall?

As soon as you spend any time in Trinity Hall, you’ll notice the friendly atmosphere that exists here. Undergraduates, graduates, fellows and staff all enjoy the College’s vibrant community spirit. Although one of the older Cambridge colleges – it has seven centuries of history behind it – Trinity Hall is anything but old-fashioned in its outlook. There is a sense of vitality and youth among its members, making it a fun and informal place to live and study.

The College is ideally situated for student life in Cambridge. Located right in the centre of town, we are within easy walking distance of lecture halls, labs, libraries, clubs, pubs and shops, and our gardens back right onto the river – a popular place to be in the summer months!

Did You Know...

• Trinity Hall was founded in 1350.
• It has the smallest chapel in Oxbridge.
• The Jerwood library, finished in 1998, is the most recent addition to the famous river backs.
• Trinity Hall has around 370 undergraduates and 250 postgraduates.
• Recent famous alumni include National Theatre Director Nicholas Hytner, political journalist Andrew Marr, Oscar-winner Rachel Weisz and Team GB Olympic Medallists Tom James and Emma Pooley. Oh, and Stephen Hawking did his PhD here too.
Academic Life

Undergraduate teaching is shared between the University and the College. University faculties and departments organise lectures, seminars and practical classes, which are attended by students from all colleges. They also design the syllabi and set examinations. Individual or small-group teaching is provided by the College, and these are known as Supervisions. This system is one of the key things that sets Cambridge apart from most other universities and is hugely beneficial to all of our students, as seen in their exam performance. Students and supervisors work closely together, discussing work prepared in advance and clarifying any problems encountered in lectures or reading. Your Director of Studies (DoS) will be responsible for organising these supervisions, and for taking care of your academic welfare in general – from advising you on what courses to take to addressing any work-related problems you might have.

For a list of courses available at Trinity Hall, please see our website:
www.trinhall.cam.ac.uk/prospective-students

We are also on Facebook and Twitter:

Facebook: Trinity Hall Undergraduate Admissions
Twitter: @TrinityHall_SLO

Trinity Hall prides itself on being a supportive community, where students and staff play an active role in looking after one another.
Library & Computing Facilities

Trinity Hall has its own library overlooking the river, providing a relaxed environment to work in. It is open 24 hours a day, has wireless coverage, and contains copies of the core texts for every subject.

In addition, as a student you will have access to the larger, more specialised Faculty libraries, as well as the University Library which is located just a few minutes’ walk away and is home to over 8 million books and journals.

Trinity Hall takes pride in providing superior IT facilities for student use. While many students bring their own computers with them, those without their own computers may make use of the Macs and PCs available in the Computer Room above the Library. Every student room has a 100Mbit Ethernet network connection and access to the University’s wireless network. All areas of the College have secure wireless network access, including Latham Lawn, a popular outdoor revision spot during the warmer weather of Easter term.
Accommodation

Trinity Hall guarantees undergraduate accommodation for at least three years of any course; fourth-year accommodation is also usually available if required. College rents are substantially lower than commercial rents, which significantly reduces living costs for Cambridge students. Hardship bursaries are also available for students in demonstrable financial need.

Undergraduate rooms are located on our Central Site as well as our Wychfield and Thompson’s Lane complexes nearby. Our accommodation ranges from atmospheric buildings steeped in history to contemporary housing with en-suite facilities. No rooms are shared. Each room is fully furnished, with storage space, washing facilities and high-speed internet access. Laundry facilities are located on site.
“Now that I’m here I can say I’d choose it again. It’s a good size (not too big), beautiful site, friendly porters, and has a well balanced ethos.”

First years are allocated rooms according to a price band of their choosing but all are housed on our Central Site, making it easier to form friendships during the first few weeks of university. Second and third years have greater choice over their housing and choose rooms via a student-run ballot.
Food & Drink

The College Cafeteria serves three meals a day during Full Term. A two-course meal typically costs around £3–4 and is charged to a student’s account.

Twice a week there are optional Formal Halls where students are served at table. ‘Super Halls’ with themed menus are also regularly held and prove very popular. Often students will entertain friends from other colleges at these events.

Students eat their meals in the Dining Hall, a light and spacious room originally built in the 14th century and remodelled in the 18th century with panelling carved with classical pillars and baroque designs.

A Kitchen Committee monitors the quality and quantity of college meals, and the kitchen staff make every effort to accommodate those with special dietary requirements.

Students also have access to basic self-catering facilities, giving them the freedom to prepare their own meals or host dinners for others.
Bar & JCR

The Aula Bar offers an excellent space to have a drink and catch up with friends after a hard day’s work, and also provides an excellent location for the renowned ‘Viva!’ – student-run, themed club nights held in College. By day, the Bar doubles up as a Coffee Shop, complete with barista service, sandwiches and delicious pastries.

The common room (JCR) provides a comfortable, relaxed environment in which to socialise, read the papers, play pool or just chill out and watch some TV.

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Sports

The College’s sports grounds contain a pavilion with gym and aerobics studios, two Olympic standard squash courts, and excellent facilities for all the sports that Trinity Hall offers, such as football, hockey, rugby, cricket, netball and tennis. The Trinity Hall Boat Club has a fully equipped boathouse on the River Cam, with shells for eights, fours, pairs and sculling and is open to experts and novices alike.

“From weekly recitals hosted by the Music Society to DJ-ing opportunities at the legendary Vival’s, all genres of music are encouraged at Trinity Hall.”
“Whatever your sporting ability or interests, from athletics to football, hockey to ultimate Frisbee, Trinity Hall has something for everyone.”

Music

Music plays an important role in the life of Trinity Hall, and there are countless opportunities to get involved. Under the guidance of the Director of Music and resident Organ Scholars, the Chapel Choir performs two evensong services each week throughout term time. Both organ and choral scholarships are available (see website for further details).

Our purpose-built music room, equipped with a Kawai grand piano and drum kit, offers a flexible and modern space for instrument practice, group rehearsals and student recitals. In the Master’s Lodge there is a Steinway grand, which is used for professional and student concerts and is also available for practice by advanced student pianists.
Student Life

Each year undergraduates elect a JCR committee, including a President and a number of other officers responsible for areas such as access, student welfare and entertainment. The JCR have their own website: www-jcr.trinhall.cam.ac.uk

College events are organised on a regular basis by the JCR. The most exciting of these is the annual June Event, where the whole of college is transformed into a maze of bands, DJs, food, drink and festivities, as a mystery theme takes over Trinity Hall for one night only.

The College also plays host to a range of societies, both recreational and academic. With everything from poker to politics, drama to sports and music to journalism, there’s bound to be something for everyone to enjoy at Trinity Hall. Any student who finds that the College lacks a particular society or club is free to create one! With several large rooms around the College, there are plenty of places to host events.
Support

At Trinity Hall, we do everything we can to ensure our students are happy and feel at home in Cambridge so that they can get the most out of their course. Whilst believing that the College should not intrude on a student’s privacy, we have a discreet network of support in place for students should they need somewhere to turn in confidence. Each undergraduate is assigned a personal Tutor who is responsible for their non-academic welfare while they are at Trinity Hall. The Dean, who also officiates over the College Chapel, is available to provide support to all of our students, irrespective of their faith.

The College also has a nurse, who holds two surgeries a week during Term, as well as a trained part-time Counsellor. Additionally, the JCR committee contains a Male and Female Welfare Officer, LGBT Officer, International representative and a number of peer supporters, who are always on hand to help with student issues.
“It is the collective community spirit of Trinity Hall that sets it apart from the rest. Whether you are working in the library, playing a sporting fixture, going to the College Entz or just relaxing in the JCR, you can always guarantee that there’ll be a friendly face in sight.”

Further Information

This prospectus can only serve as a brief introduction to the College; for more detailed information on everything from applying to Trinity Hall to visiting us on Open Day, please visit our website at www.trinhall.cam.ac.uk