



# Student Support at Lucy Cavendish College

# This session



Reminder of upcoming offer holder deadlines



Student finance and funding



Overview of available support for students



Introducing some of the student support team



Question & answer

# Updates and deadlines for offer holders

Accommodation preference form – all offer holders – this will be sent in April – please complete this by the end of June

**April**

Financial Information Form – OHs with Home fee status – please complete this by June 30th

**30 June**

**1–30 June**

Financial Guarantee – OHs with Overseas fee status – return by email between June 1st–30th

# Applying for student finance in the UK

- Apply as soon as possible!
- Apply with your preferred choice, you can change this later if needed
- If you think you may be eligible, we recommend applying regardless of whether you plan to take the loan(s)



Student Loans Company

# The Cambridge Bursary

- For **Home fee** paying students
- **Means tested** using information given to us through the Student Loans Company
- If you were eligible for free school meals funded by your local authority, you receive an extra £1000 a year – known as the Education Premium.
- Independent students and care leavers are eligible for an enhanced bursary
- Students in receipt of the Cambridge Bursary will also receive a £500 rent bursary

Household income	Cambridge Bursary amount
£0	£3,500
£20,000	£3,500
£25,000	£3,500
£30,000	£3,040
£35,000	£2,580
£40,000	£2,130
£45,000	£1,670
£50,000	£1,210
£55,000	£760
£60,000	£300
£62,215	£100

# Independent students and care leavers

- There is further support for **care-experienced and estranged** students
  - **Enhanced Cambridge Bursary**
- Use the guides on the **Stand Alone** website to assist you in making a UK Student Finance application – [www.standalone.org.uk/guides/student-guide/](http://www.standalone.org.uk/guides/student-guide/)
- If you are a care-experienced or estranged student, please let us know us so we can ensure the correct support is in place for you



# Other funds at the University of Cambridge

- **Smaller scholarships and bursaries** are awarded later in the process across the University, examples from previous years include:
  - Stormzy Scholarship
  - Formula 1 Scholarship
  - Gordon Edge Scholarship
- Lucy Cavendish also has a pool of **studentships and awards**, yet to be confirmed for the 2025–26 academic year.



# Funding for international students

- **Country-specific scholarships**
- **Cambridge-specific scholarships**
  - International Disabled Students' Fund
- Lucy Cavendish also offers a number of **international studentships** that provide partial awards, these do not require an application and all overseas offer holders are automatically considered.
- **International student loans** – Individual countries and banks will have different schemes in place for this
- **Private companies** – try and reach out for sponsorship
- **Scholarships**
  - [bachelorsportal.com](http://bachelorsportal.com)
  - [internationalscholarships.com](http://internationalscholarships.com)
  - [iefa.org](http://iefa.org)



# Financial advice and support for current students

- Onboarding sessions and the **Bridging Course** will provide more detailed advice and support
  - Budgeting for life as a student
  - Advice sessions for international students
- As a College we recognize the challenges that students face when it comes to finances, and our pastoral team support any students who do fall into unexpected **financial hardship** during their studies
- We can provide **funding** towards clubs and societies, sports memberships and costs, course fieldwork, and other endeavors



Student cost of living - making the most of your time at Cambridge for less

# Student Support at Lucy Cavendish

Tutorial  
Support

Bridging  
course

Disability  
support

Exam  
support

Physical  
Health

Finance

Mental  
health  
and  
wellbeing

Library  
and study  
skills

# Sara Halliwell

**Specific Learning Difficulty  
(SpLD) Practitioner**



# What is my role in the college?

Supporting students to:

- understand their learning profile
- use their strengths to study
- liaise with the Access & Disability Resource Centre (ADRC)
- contact external agencies

# Why would you speak with me?

- You have concerns about the way you learn
- You have a diagnosed learning need and are not getting support from the ADRC
- You think you may have a learning need – even if you don't have a diagnosis or assessment already
- You are struggling to complete assessments

# Accessibility and disability services

- Support students across the University
- Run welcome events in September – you may be invited to attend these
  - These take place earlier than our bridging course
- Fill in their Student Information Form
  - If you're unsure if this applies to you, feel free to email us

[www.disability.admin.cam.ac.uk/how-get-support/advice-new-students](http://www.disability.admin.cam.ac.uk/how-get-support/advice-new-students)



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# What is my role in the college ?

- I provide one-to-one wellbeing support for students
- I provide a safe, non-judgemental space
- I can help support with **any** mental health needs
- We can explore coping strategies and/or identify appropriate support resources either within the university or outside
  - \* I work throughout the year, including holiday times

• \*new for 2025 – group work



# Anna Richardson

**College Nurse**



# How I can support you

- Assessment and advice on the management of minor injuries and illnesses including referral to other services for more serious illnesses
- Support with the management of long-term health conditions such as diabetes, asthma, and epilepsy
- Support and care to students recovering from serious illnesses, accidents, operations or hospitalisation
- Support and advice on sexual health issues and contraception
- Raising awareness of current health issues for students
- General health information and advice including BP and weight checks
- Support Navigating the NHS and health services available for students

**Rachael Burcher**

**FUTURES HUB**

Support for your  
time beyond Lucy



85% of UK  
graduate  
employers don't  
require specific  
degree subject

- ISE 2024 annual recruitment survey



# If an employer doesn't mind what I've studied, what are they looking





VOLUNTEER



CLUBS & SOCIETIES



Lucy Cavendish College  
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# Develop your career readiness with the Futures Hub in College

- Events
- Workshops
- Internships
- Competitions
- Mentoring
- Pop-ups
- Together with the University Careers Service
  - Careers Fairs
  - 1:1 Appointments
  - Skills Sessions
  - Online Resources



# KEY MESSAGE:

You don't have to  
have it all planned  
out already!





# Any questions?

You can always email [Admissions@lucy.cam.ac.uk](mailto:Admissions@lucy.cam.ac.uk)