

PEMBROKE  
COLLEGE OXFORD

*Your Place  
at Pembroke*

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36  
courses

400  
undergraduates

30  
countries  
represented

All facts and figures are accurate at the time of printing in June 2022.

# A Place to Call Home



*'Pembroke is the most welcoming and collaborative community, a home for people of any background and heritage. We look for individuals who are excited about their subject, passionate about learning and want to make the most of the opportunities we offer. We are committed to supporting students so that their time at Oxford and at Pembroke is fulfilling and rewarding, both academically and personally'*

The Rt Hon Sir Ernest Ryder  
Master of College

Pembroke College is a lively and ambitious intellectual community, home to a diverse body of students who share a common passion for their subjects. With a wide range of social events, lectures and extracurricular activities to get involved with, you'll soon feel at home in our vibrant and friendly community.

We're one of over 30 colleges in the University of Oxford. All students are members of a college – a place where you live, study and find community during your time here. You can give a college preference when you apply, or make an open application. We know that making a choice can be difficult,

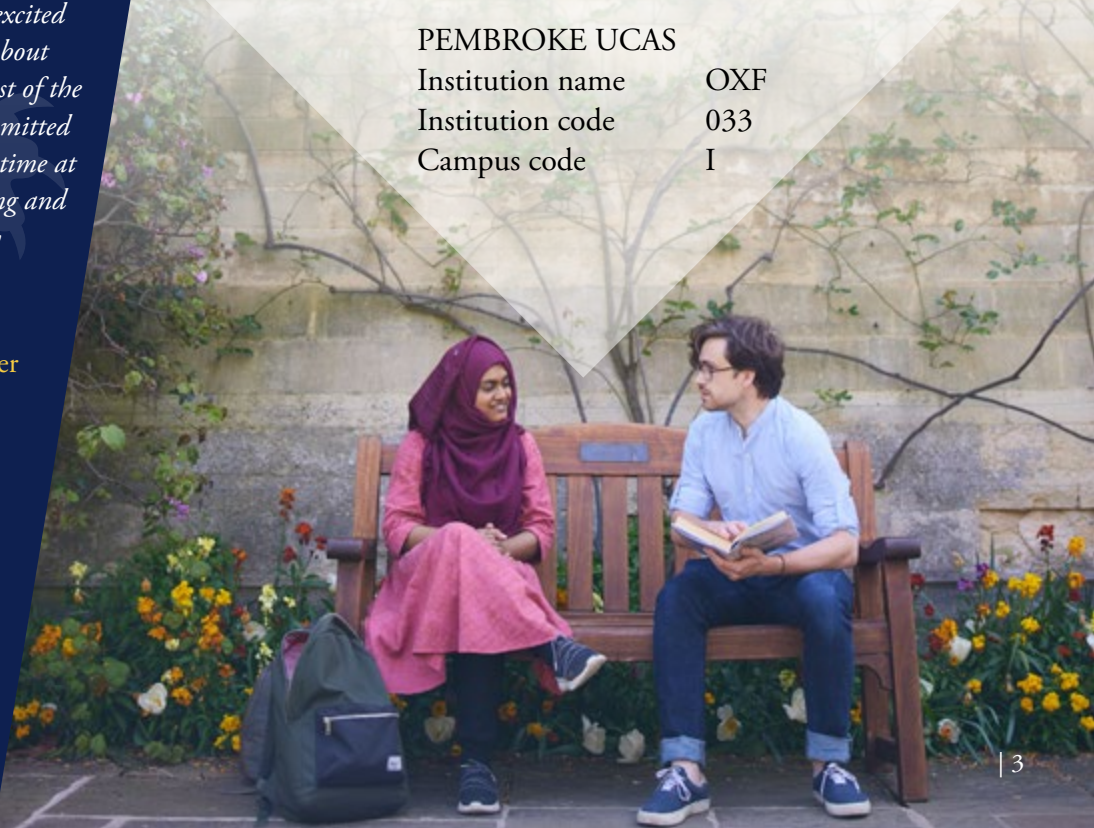
but we hope that this prospectus and the resources on our website will give you a taste of life at Pembroke and help you to think about whether we're the right college for you. Read on for more about the courses, activities and support we offer.

Of course, the best way to get the feel of a place is to see it for yourself. So please come and visit us during an Oxford Open Day in June or September. [www.pmb.ox.ac.uk/open-days](http://www.pmb.ox.ac.uk/open-days)

We can't wait to welcome you to Pembroke and help you find your place here!

## PEMBROKE UCAS

Institution name	OXF
Institution code	033
Campus code	I



# A Place to Study

We love to welcome students to study courses they're passionate about. We value the fresh insights and enthusiasm that our students bring, and are excited for you to join our dynamic and ambitious community.

## Expert Guidance

Studying with us will allow you to share ideas, learn from and debate with some of the world's best contemporary thinkers. Tutorials offer personalised teaching and close contact with expert tutors: you'll have in-depth conversations in a small group about your ideas and opinions relating to the week's reading or problems, and will be encouraged and challenged to think in new ways.

Our tutors are committed to developing the full potential of every student in every subject, while actively engaged in their own cutting-edge research. Pembroke academics specialise in subjects as varied as the impact of civil rights movements to the use of Artificial Intelligence in healthcare.

## Cross-disciplinary Focus

All our students belong to a collective academic community where cross-disciplinary links are made. We offer opportunities to attend lectures, seminars and other academic events within and beyond your area of study, and often involving high-profile speakers. Our own academics and postgraduates also share their findings at lectures and seminars in College.

We hope that having access to such a variety of talks will help you to learn about the real-world impact of your studies, and bring your subject to life.

Pembroke is also home to several research groups: the Changing Character of War Centre, the Quill Project and the Religion and Frontier Challenges Group. They often host conferences within the College, and some of our students have gone on to work in these groups after finishing their degree.

## Study Skills and Other Support

We have two Study Skills tutors who run regular sessions to help with revision planning, exam technique, time management, note-taking and writing skills, and more. Find out more about the academic support we offer on page 6.

## Student-led Learning

The wide variety of groups and societies set up and led by our students contribute knowledge and understanding on current issues. From a weekly gender equality discussion group hosted by the 'Peminists', to the Maths Club's guest speaker events about the real-life application of mathematics, we value the breadth of our students' interests and always welcome new ideas! Read more about the variety of activities on offer on [page 14](#).

*'There's such a broad range of study spaces at Pembroke: we can work in Farthings Café, in seminar rooms, or in the library. I also like to explore the Oxford faculty libraries - the Duke Humfrey's Library is my favourite!'*

ABBY O'GORMAN

PHYSICS



## The McGowin Library

Open 24/7, our onsite College library is a reliable resource for Pembroke students. Our librarian will ensure we have as much as possible from your first-year reading list, and after that we're happy to take requests for books that you need, saving you the time and expense of buying your own. Our book grants for humanities and social sciences students also offer £100 in your first year and £100 in your final year towards the cost of books.

Our friendly library staff can help you find your way around, as well as offering support with research and referencing. They run sessions throughout the year on doing research, taking notes, finding unusual books and formatting references, as well as letting students get close to and handle pieces from our rare books collections.

Alongside key textbooks and further reading for all courses, the library has an array of films in multiple languages, a reference collection, and a selection of recreational reading. Our students also have access to a wide range of specialist University libraries located nearby.



*'Library staff are here to help you with everything from learning about rare books to referencing an ebook'*

LAURA CRACKNELL,  
LIBRARIAN

24/7  
opening hours

2000  
books bought  
every year



# A Place to Thrive: Student Support

We want the academic and personal journey of each of our students to be successful and fulfilling, and recognise that every individual will have different needs and experiences while here.

Our Welfare and Wellbeing Team are committed to helping you access College, University and NHS resources aimed at supporting your emotional, physical and mental wellbeing. We offer a range of welfare and wellbeing support and activities, academic advice and guidance, and financial help.

We are committed to supporting students with diverse needs and from various backgrounds, including care experienced students, estranged students, and students with disabilities. We want to ensure that Pembroke is an inclusive environment for all.

We encourage you to get in touch if you are thinking about applying for Pembroke or have an offer and would like to know more about how we can support you.

## Welfare and Wellbeing

Students and staff strive to create a positive, supportive environment where individuals feel valued and heard and can flourish personally and academically.

We actively support positive wellbeing within our community. Our Welfare and Wellbeing Team run events and activities aimed at helping students achieve balance and build connections. We encourage students to engage with College welfare and wellbeing support and seek to show that it is positive and normal to ask for help when needed.

## Day and Night Support

One of the great things about living in College is that there's always someone to talk to, day or night.

The Porters at the Lodge (the College entrance) are available 24/7 to answer questions and help you find your way around, to contact someone who can help, or just to have a chat!

Our community is also supported by three Junior Deans. These are graduate students who live in College and are often the first point of contact for welfare concerns.

## Academic Support

Our friendly Academic Office team are on hand to help make your academic journey as smooth as possible, and your tutors will be happy to help with any questions about your course. We have students who act as Subject and Academic Reps who are ready to listen and offer advice – and may well have experienced what you're going through!

Students also benefit from our two Study Skills tutors (who help with revision planning, exam technique, time management, note-taking and writing skills, and more) and our student Mentoring Scheme which pairs undergraduate students with graduate mentors.



## Peer Support

Anyone can talk with one of a team of trained Student Peer Supporters, including the four JCR Welfare Reps. They help to voice students' views on anything related to student wellbeing and run regular events and activities for the JCR community, including the termly Welfare Week. This involves events such as charity bake sales, open mic nights, oil painting sessions, welfare dog visits, massages and more. The Welfare Reps can also reimburse prescriptions and provide free toiletries.

Pembroke Freshers are matched with College "parents" from older years, meaning you'll have someone looking out for you from Day One!

## Disability Support

If you have a disability or other pre-existing condition that might affect your wellbeing and studies, we encourage you to get in touch before arriving. We'll work with you to put in place appropriate support and smooth the transition to University, and point you to College and University resources that may prove useful.

We can help you to access specialist equipment from the Disability Advisory Service, or support you in making examination arrangements with the University. We endeavour to adapt our accommodation to suit students with physical disabilities.

## Financial Support

We recognise that financial matters can be a real concern for students and their families when considering university. We support students with advice and practical assistance, including offering grants, scholarships and prizes - see page 16 for more on opportunities.

If you have any questions about money issues, please get in touch via the contact details on our Financial Support page.

Pembroke students also benefit from the financial support available to all Oxford undergraduates.

See more at [www.ox.ac.uk/students/fees-funding](http://www.ox.ac.uk/students/fees-funding).

To find out more about  
Financial Support please  
use this QR code.



“If you need support, there is always someone you can talk to and the conversation can be as formal or as informal as you like!”



REBEKAH WHITE  
WELFARE AND WELLBEING CO-ORDINATOR

# A Place to Belong

We want Pembroke to feel like home regardless of your background or experiences. Our people are the heart of the College, and we value the range of perspectives that comes from our diverse community.

Students of any background, race, ethnicity or gender are welcome here, and we seek to be a community that is inclusive, accessible and diverse.

We recognise that there will always be more to do to ensure that we live up to our values of inclusivity and adaptability. Listening to the honest feedback of current and former members is key in our commitment to making improvements.

## First Generation Students

We encourage all pupils with academic aptitude and dedication to their studies to consider an application to Oxford and Pembroke, regardless of their background or circumstances.

First Generation applicants who are the first in their family to apply to University may appreciate particular support through the process. We aim to provide this through Open Day sessions and subsequent tailored events and support.

We work hard to ensure that successful applicants from underrepresented backgrounds have the support they need to thrive once they arrive as students.

## BlackPembroke

As part of our commitment to promoting diversity and equality at Pembroke, a group called BlackPembroke works to consider and address the particular needs and experiences of Black applicants, students and staff.

The group runs and supports events in College and elsewhere with the aim of improving the experiences of Black students at Pembroke and in Oxford and widening participation in the admissions process.

Pembroke also has a formal partnership with Thinking Black, a social enterprise founded by a Pembroke alumna which supports Black British students to develop key academic, communication, and leadership skills.



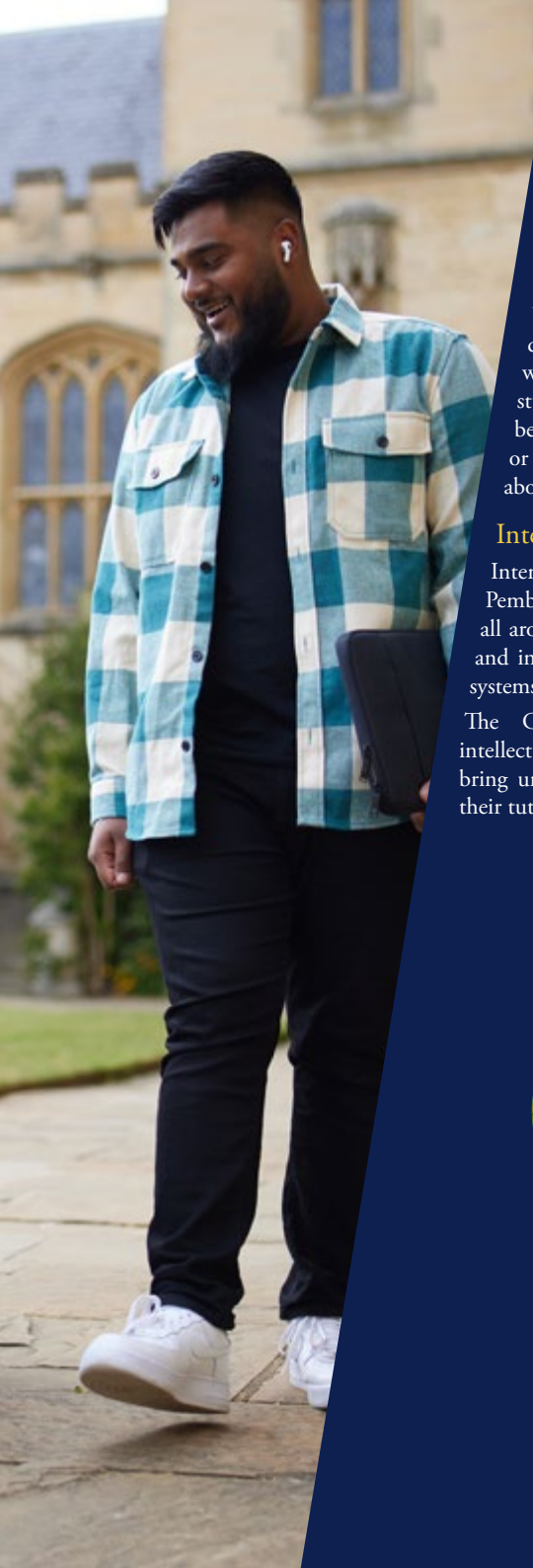
*'I can genuinely say that the Pembroke community is an open, friendly, and multicultural one. There are events that celebrate and cater to different backgrounds so that nobody feels left out.'*

RECO OSEI KOFI

HISTORY







### Students with Diverse Needs

Making Pembroke home for everyone involves getting to know all our students as individuals, and responding to particular needs for support.

We are committed to supporting students with disabilities, including “hidden” disabilities, as well as estranged students and care experienced students. We will seek to support you in the best way possible, whatever your background or needs, to help you to flourish here. For more about our disability support, see [page 7](#).

### International Students

International students make up a vital part of the Pembroke community. We welcome students from all around the world and seek to create an inclusive and integrated community, as well as build support systems that will help you to thrive here.

The College community benefits socially and intellectually from our international students, who bring unique and diverse perspectives as much as to their tutorials as to College life.



“ I have found it easy to integrate into college life and culture - there is something beautiful about how supportive our international community is.

ARIANA MINEA

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT IN MEDICINE

# A Place to Live: Accommodation

Pembroke is centrally located and almost 400 years old. Over the years the site has been adapted to provide safe, accessible spaces to suit our students' diverse needs, blending the traditional with the modern. If you want a campus feel in the heart of the city, we're for you.

## Central Location

Just minutes away from the city centre on foot, Pembroke is one of Oxford's most central colleges, helping you to make the most of all the city has to offer.

All first-year students live in accommodation on Pembroke's historic main site, but for subsequent years we offer the choice of living on main site (catered) or in our nearby Geoffrey Arthur Building (GAB) which is self-catered and a ten-minute walk from the main site, right by the river.

## 3 Years Guaranteed

Unlike many other colleges, we can guarantee accommodation for at least three years of your undergraduate degree and often students on four-year courses can be accommodated for their final year.

This allows you the freedom to stay close to friends and College life without worrying about finding accommodation yourself. You always have the option of living out if you'd prefer – it's up to you.

If you need to stay in Oxford for academic or personal reasons over the holidays we will try to make sure you have a room and you can apply for a vacation grant. We also offer longer contracts, particularly in the GAB, which suit those wanting to stay during the vacations.

4  
price bands  
across budgets





“I met a lot of new faces when living on site, some of which became my best friends over the years.”



LUNCHEN SONG  
HISTORY AND ECONOMICS

3  
years guaranteed  
accommodation

90%  
of students receive  
their first-choice  
room

#### First Year

All first-year students live on main site in fully furnished bedrooms. We have a range of rooms with different facilities and at different prices, from our competitively-priced standard basin rooms, to our en-suite rooms of various sizes, so you'll find one to suit your budget and preferences. If you'd like an en-suite room, you can express a preference before you arrive – we always try our best to make sure everyone is happy.

All first-year students are on catered contracts and are in residence during term time only, but if you need to stay during the vacations we will try to make arrangements (though you may have to move rooms).

We want all students to flourish at Pembroke, and we understand how important your accommodation is. We will always strive to meet individuals' requirements and to provide appropriate financial assistance where needed. If you have any queries or concerns, please get in touch with our Accommodation Team via the contact details on our website.

#### Subsequent Years

For later years of your course you can request to stay on main site or to move to the GAB, where you will self-cater and won't have to vacate during the Christmas or Easter breaks.

Our Accommodation Team go to great lengths to make sure you can request rooms near your friends, giving you the best of both worlds: the convenience of College living with a choice of housemates!

# A Place to Live: Food & Drink

Our fantastic Catering Team provide a variety of meals and events for all members of the community, with meals cooked in-house by Pembroke's own talented chefs. Eating together is an important part of College life; an opportunity to meet new people and share ideas!

Lunch and dinner are served throughout term in our historic dining Hall, while our modern café provides a popular spot all day for brunch, snacks and an informal workspace.

## What is Available?

There is always a choice of nutritious, reasonably-priced and delicious food – and probably only a few hundred metres from your room! We are a diverse College and the Team are committed to catering for every dietary need, providing daily vegetarian, vegan, halal and kosher options and displaying allergen information for all dishes. We prioritise sustainability when sourcing our food.

First year undergraduates automatically take out a standard meal plan which provides a daily token redeemable for lunch or dinner in Hall.

Undergraduates in later years who live onsite can choose between the standard meal plan or a flexible meal plan, which allows you to use tokens in Hall or in Farthings Café.

Students living offsite can still eat in College using a pay-as-you-go system.

## Our Hall

As well as a venue for special events, our historic dining Hall is host to lunch and dinner every day during term for all students who want it. In the evenings there is often a choice between 'Informal' and 'Formal' sittings – the only difference being that in Formal Hall you wear a black gown. Meals in Hall are a great way to get to know other students.

## Farthings Café

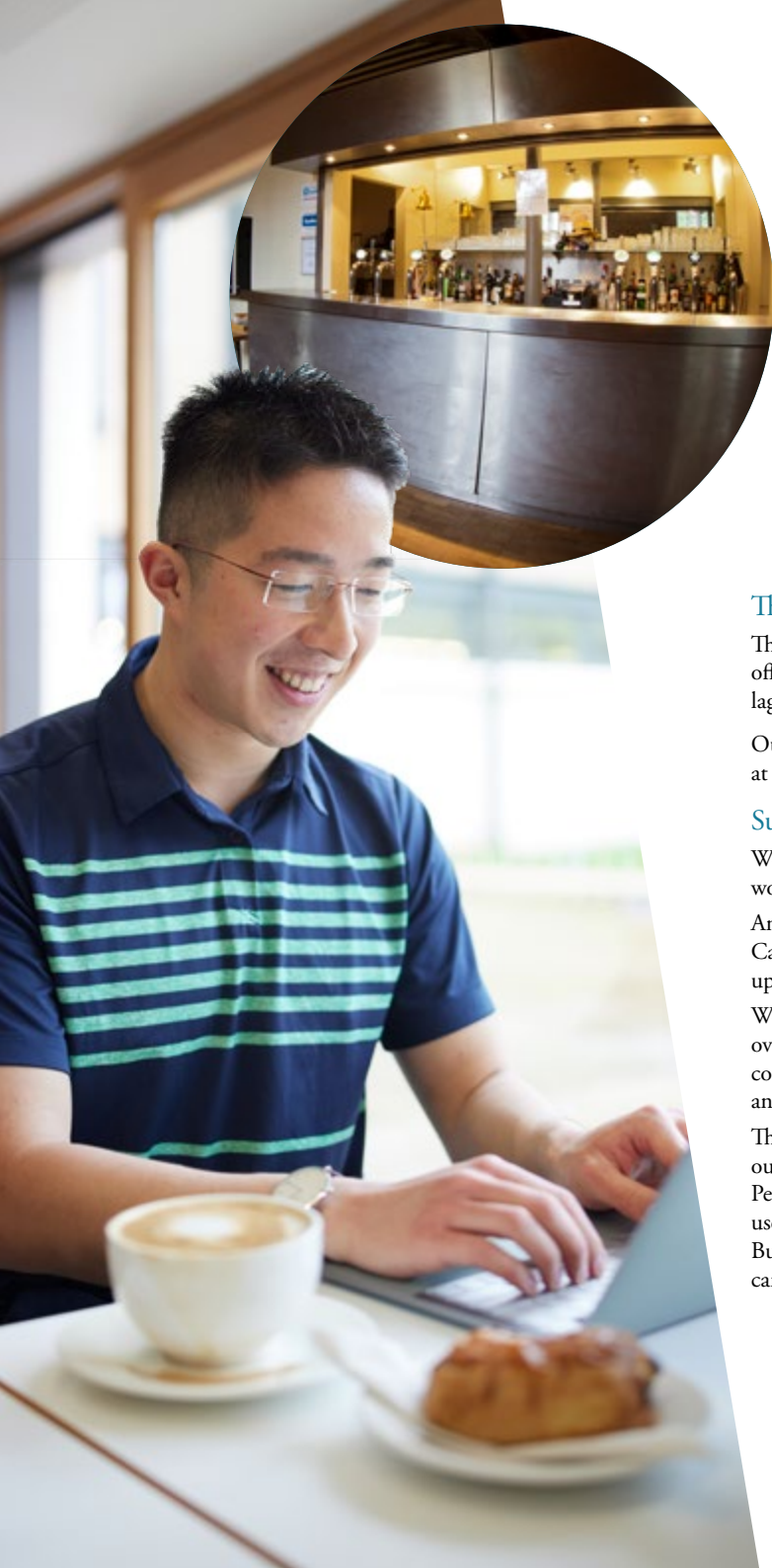
We're one of only a handful of colleges to have our own on-site café. Farthings is a favourite spot among students – it's a space for the whole community to relax, work or socialise, perfect for a break from the library or to grab a coffee between tutorials.

A variety of meals, snacks and drinks are available, as well as hot breakfasts, all offered at a subsidised rate. The Team enjoy sourcing new sustainable and healthy options.



50,000  
meals provided for the  
homeless during  
the pandemic





“Formal Hall may be the quintessential Pembroke experience, but Farthings is the heart of college!”

ANNA XUE

HISTORY AND POLITICS

### The Hall Bar

The Hall Bar is regularly open to students, playing host to student events and offering a range of soft drinks and local ales – favourites include Boat Race lager and our very own Pembroke Ale.

Our bar is partnered with Chadlington brewery, a local supplier who are already at net zero emissions and produce all gluten free ales and beers.

### Sustainability

We are committed to reducing our carbon footprint and our Catering Team work tirelessly to cut down our food waste.

Any waste we do produce is taken to an anaerobic digestion plant near Cassington, Oxfordshire. Here it is used to generate electricity which powers up to 4000 local homes and to make fertiliser which helps to grow local crops!

We are continually seeking to cut down on single-use plastics, already using over 1,000 fewer plastic bottles than previous years due to plumbed-in water coolers around College. Farthings Café uses plastic free tea bags, paper straws and wooden teaspoons.

The Team enjoy finding local suppliers for our food and drink. The water for our water coolers comes from Blenheim (12 miles away), and the bar stocks Pembroke Ale from Chadlington Brewery (22 miles away) – and they in turn use Oxfordshire spring water to produce their ale! We are part of the Food Buy Group which reduces the number of suppliers we use and therefore the carbon footprint of our deliveries.

# Something for Everyone

When you come to Pembroke, you'll be welcomed into an active and supportive student community.

All students are members of the JCR (Junior Common Room), which is a tight-knit and inclusive undergraduate community. The JCR makes key decisions together and organises social events and welfare support.

We're home to a wide range of clubs and societies which you can get involved with alongside your academic work. From student journalism to rowing, our lively music scene to the JCR's very own art collection, there is something for everyone to enjoy and excel in. Besides having some fun, these activities can help you explore career paths and develop skills that complement your studies!

Read more about the JCR's involvement with Diversity and Equality initiatives on page 9 and its Wellbeing activities on [page 6](#).

## Performing Arts and Music

We have a thriving drama scene in College, with students transforming our very own Pichette Auditorium to put on high-standard musicals and operas. The outdoor garden play is a highlight of the summer term!

We have a strong reputation for music, with an active programme of public lunchtime recitals organised by the JCR. Singers can get involved with the College Choir, Master's Recitals, or Pembroke College Music Society. We also offer instrumental and singing scholarships and are part of the University's choral and organ award scheme – find out more on [page 17](#).

## Art

In 1947 Pembroke became the first Oxford College to have an art collection owned by its students. Today students continue to grow the collection and put on exhibitions in our public art gallery. As a member of the JCR, you'll have the opportunity to enjoy exhibitions, take part in our yearly art competition, or borrow items from the collection to display in your room.

Our students also manage the Art Fund, which is used to provide hardship and travel grants.

## Sports

We have a huge range of sports clubs you can get involved with at Pembroke, in addition to University sports teams. Alongside our football and netball teams that have seen consistent success in Cuppers, you might choose to join College water polo, badminton, rugby, hockey, lacrosse, cross country, tennis, cricket and more! If we don't have a team that you're interested in, you can start your own with funding from the JCR Sports Reps. We pride ourselves on a friendly atmosphere that welcomes newcomers and more experienced players alike.

Our own sports ground, with various pitches, courts and a pavilion, is located just a 5-minute cycle from College. The Boat House is 10 minutes down the road, and Pembroke has two very competitive rowing crews on the river!





‘I compete in athletics at university level and I am also the Vice-President of the Oxford Afro-Caribbean Society. It involves lots of networking, planning and hosting fun events for prospective, current and former students.’



CHIMDINMA OKPALAUKO,  
THEOLOGY AND RELIGION

### Writing and Discussion Groups

Students regularly write for a wide range of Oxford student publications, as well as The Pink Times, Pembroke’s yearly student publication which includes submissions of everything from photography to poetry or journalistic pieces. The MCR (our body of graduate students) has its own academic journal, to which any JCR or MCR members are welcome to contribute.

Peminists is our students’ intersectional feminist society which holds relaxed and inclusive discussion sessions, while Pembenvironment offers a space for you to talk about environmental matters, from the climate crisis to how we preserve biodiversity.

The JCR also runs the Biodiversity Project on land owned by the College with the aim of surveying and then increasing biodiversity on the site. This is a great opportunity for anyone interested in Ecology to gain practical experience!

### Entertainment and Social Life

We are a social college and there is always something going on here! Students can be found relaxing together in the JCR—playing table football, table tennis, pool, or watching TV—or catching up over a coffee in our very own café, Farthings.

The JCR hold three ‘BOPs’ (Big Organised Parties) each term as well as several themed Formal dinners, including the Christmas Formal, Diversity Formals and Halfway Hall. You’ll also find students punting with friends in the summer, playing giant chess or croquet on the grass in Chapel Quad, holding watch parties in the JCR for national sporting or music events, planning and attending the biennial Pembroke Ball, celebrating various festivals throughout the year, and much more!

### Beyond Pembroke

Our students are also actively engaged in University-wide activities, playing important roles in societies such as the Oxford Islamic Society (ISoc), the African and Caribbean Society (ACS) or the Oxford Union, as well as representing the University on sports teams.

# Opportunities & Funding

We encourage all students to enrich their studies and university experience outside of term-time teaching, and provide various opportunities to facilitate this.

Our students have completed internships in our own academics' labs in Oxford; taken part in placements and study abroad schemes around the world; won funding for self-directed thesis research to interview influencers in Nigeria and prominent historians in Singapore; and much more!

Oxford's long vacations make it even easier to engage with exciting opportunities like these outside and around your studies.

## Support for internships, travel and research projects

Studying with us, you'll benefit from:

- Links with organisations and programmes around the world
- Funding for self-directed research and unique projects
- Travel grants
- Internship opportunities and funding
- Humanities and social sciences book grants for course books

**Tutorials Plus** – The Pembroke College Tutorials Plus grant provides access to funds that enrich students' learning and support activities such as subject talks or visits to subject-specific learning opportunities.

**Rokos Awards** – Pembroke STEM Students have the chance to take part in our Rokos Awards, which are fully-funded academic internships (including accommodation, academic and living expenses) that allow you to gain hands-on experience in a relevant area of research.



Barbara Francik (Biology) spent the summer working on a Netted carpet moth surveying project for Muncaster Estate, Cumbria, producing a conservation action plan.

“ I found the experience extremely enriching and it has reaffirmed my desire to do research and fieldwork. I learned a lot about how to plan and carry out a biological investigation as well as analyse my own data and make real-world recommendations based on my findings. One of the most valuable aspects of the internship was learning how to network with people.

BARBARA FRANCIK

BIOLOGY



# Global opportunities for self-initiated projects



## Scholarships, awards and prizes

We also offer a variety of academic prizes as well as awards for those involved in high-level sport and the arts - see more about these on [page 14](#).

These include:

- **Scholarships and Exhibitions** – These generous annual awards recognise academic excellence (on the basis of performance in exams and throughout the year). As well as a financial reward—including an academic allowance—Scholars and Exhibitioners receive a Scholar's gown, a prestigious dinner to celebrate their achievements and a plaque listing in College.
- **Master's Prizes** – These are given by the Master to recognise excellent leadership, with winners nominated by their tutors and peers from across the College community.
- **Collection Prizes** – Awarded for performance in Collections (termly informal College exams).
- **Choral Awards** – We offer a number of scholarships through the University's choral award scheme for those who wish to sing in the College choir.

For more information on the financial support available to our students, please see page 7 or visit [www.pmb.ox.ac.uk/undergraduate-financial-support](http://www.pmb.ox.ac.uk/undergraduate-financial-support).



# After Pembroke

A degree from the University of Oxford is highly valued by prospective employers. However, at Pembroke we know that your future employability also depends on developing a range of skills and having the chance to pursue other interests alongside your course. The wide range of opportunities we offer means every degree is personalised and every student's journey is unique. For more on extra-curricular activities and opportunities at Pembroke, see [pages 14-17](#), or visit our website.

## After Your Studies

Students from all backgrounds and disciplines have gone on to varied and successful careers, from open-minded Theology students who train as lawyers, to curious biologists who have entered field-based conservation, scientific journalism or publishing. Whatever you choose to study, we are committed to helping you to explore a variety of career paths and opportunities in all fields.

## Alumni Contacts

Pembrokians past and present form a dynamic global network of alumni and friends – many of our past students stay in touch and are involved with College life.

You will be welcomed into this community as soon as you join Pembroke, and we encourage students to attend alumni networking events and careers sessions. Our Alumni Relations Team can connect you with alumni in careers or organisations that interest you, offering you bespoke careers advice and guidance.

- **Pembroke Links** provides career and mentoring services to all students and alumni, including exclusive talks and interviews with alumni in various sectors, as well as tailored support with CV writing, interview skills, and more.
- **Pembroke Women's Mentoring Group** allows students to benefit from the experience and advice of previous students.

## University Resources

All Pembroke students benefit from the University Careers Service. Their specialist advisers offer tailored support to put you in the best possible position for entering the jobs market or pursuing future study when you finish your degree. As well as helping with decisions and applications, they can help you to find internships and job opportunities.



Since studying Philosophy and Theology at Pembroke, Vivienne Artz OBE has held leading roles (including as Chief Privacy Officer) at the London Stock Exchange Group, Refinitiv, the Centre for Information Policy Leadership, and more. She has also been President and CEO of Women in Banking and Finance.

*“What do you do with a degree in Philosophy & Theology? Those studies and dialogues so many years ago are more relevant today than ever, as my role involves considering the impacts of artificial intelligence, ethics and data, culture, diversity & inclusion, governance and a whole host of ‘big questions’.”*

See where more of our alumni are now on our course pages!

# Our Courses

At Pembroke, we offer a wide variety of single and joint courses. Below is a full list of the courses we offer. For each course, see the relevant page in the next section for more information\*, or head to our website.



Arabic (Asian and Middle Eastern Studies)

Biochemistry

Biology

Chemistry

Chinese (Asian and Middle Eastern Studies)

Computer Science

Economics and Management

Engineering

English Language and Literature

English and Modern Languages

European and Middle Eastern Languages

Experimental Psychology

History

History and Economics

History and English

History and Modern Languages

History and Politics

Japanese (Asian and Middle Eastern Studies)

Law

Law with Law Studies in Europe

Mathematics

Mathematics and Computer Science

Mathematics and Philosophy

Mathematics and Statistics

Medicine

Modern Languages

Modern Languages and Linguistics

Music

Philosophy and Modern Languages

Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE)

Philosophy and Theology

Physics

Physics and Philosophy

Psychology, Philosophy and Linguistics (PPL)

Religion and Asian and Middle Eastern Studies

Theology and Religion

\* Numbers of places are indicative and may vary.

# Joint Courses

Here at Pembroke we are passionate about joint courses, and have a thriving community of students studying lots of different combinations!

## Why should you study joint courses?

Studying subjects as joint courses is really rewarding, interesting and challenging. It is a great way to carry on studying two subjects you are equally passionate about, or to try something new! Joint courses help you to explore how different disciplines challenge and complement each other, and allow you the flexibility to pursue your particular interests.

You'll develop a broad range of skills and you'll get to choose from a wide range of papers in

both subjects. joint courses are often taught by tutors who are interested in combining the skills and methodologies of different subjects, and their research will be at the cutting edge of their field.

## Why study joint courses with us?

Our tutors really understand how to help you get the most out of studying joint courses and are committed to helping you succeed and manage your academic workload, as well as explore your interdisciplinary passions for your subjects. Many of our academics within their own research also take an interdisciplinary approach and teach on courses for multiple subjects.



“Joint courses provide the rare opportunity to study two very different subjects in an integrated way, without losing the depth of either subject.

ILONA REID

HISTORY AND ECONOMICS

“

The best part of doing History and Politics is that you get to be a part of two incredible communities, instead of just one! This means you'll have lots of people in the same boat, and a fantastic support network!

SARA HASHMI

HISTORY AND POLITICS

## Jargon Buster

At Oxford the terms 'Joint Honours' or 'Joint Schools' are used to refer to courses that allow you to study two or more subjects together.

## ASIAN AND MIDDLE EASTERN STUDIES

# Arabic and Joint Courses

### Our courses

At Pembroke we offer:

- Arabic with an additional language
- Arabic and Islamic Studies
- European and Middle Eastern Languages
- Religion and Asian and Middle Eastern Studies

No prior knowledge of the languages is required for this course. Further information about course combinations can be found on the University website.

### Why study with us?

We have a strong tradition and community in Middle Eastern Studies, with:

- More students in Middle Eastern Studies than any other College
- Two Tutorial Fellows in Arabic and Islamic Studies
- A termly special event to bring together the whole subject community across all years – past events have included wine tasting and informal and formal dinners
- One of the two largest collections of books relating to the Middle East of any undergraduate college
- Travel funds to help finance research visits to the Middle East

### The year abroad

Students usually spend their second year in the Middle East, often following an approved formal course of language instruction in a Middle Eastern country appropriate to their language of study. Our tutors will guide you through the planning process and offer support throughout the year.

### Meet the tutors

- Professor Christopher Melchert's interests lie in the early history of Islamic law, Sufism, and the renunciation of the world that preceded it.
- Professor Nicolai Sinai publishes on the Qur'an, Islamic commentaries on the Qur'an, and the history of theological and philosophical thought in the Islamic world.

### Where our students are now

Daniel Lowe (2001, Asian and Middle Eastern Studies) is the Curator of Arabic Collections in the Asia and Africa Department at the British Library.

“The teaching style and the atmosphere of being surrounded by world-class academics and others who care deeply about their research is one of the most motivating factors possible.

IONA NEILL



# Biochemistry

## Why study with us?

The enthusiastic and friendly community of Biochemistry students and tutors will ensure that you get the most out of your time studying here. Our tutors:

- Teach and support students throughout the duration of the course
- Are experienced researchers whose expertise covers a broad area
- Take the pastoral side of their roles very seriously
- Tailor tutorials to students' individual needs and interests
- Ensure students receive the same high-quality tuition from external tutors when the subject is outside their specialisms

Outside of tutorials, you'll benefit from:

- The College Library's up-to-date collection of the major Biochemistry textbooks, with copies readily available to all students
- Termly social events with the rest of your Biochemistry cohort
- An annual subject dinner attended by the whole subject community (students, tutors and alumni!)

## Meet the tutors

- Professor Andre Furger leads a research group at the Department of Biochemistry which aims to understand how human cells adapt and change the activation of genetic information in response to environmental and biological stress during disease progression.
- Dr Kirsty McHugh's research focuses on the development of novel therapeutic interventions for the treatment of haematological disorders.

## Where our students are now

Helen Cossar (2015) is a Strategic Development Analyst at M&S Foods. She works with teams across the business to solve strategic issues and is currently working on the company's goal to reach Net Zero carbon emissions.

4  
places  
per year

## Did You Know

'Tutorials' are what small-group teaching sessions are called at Oxford. Typically carried out in College, tutorials enable close and personalised contact with your peers and the experts who teach and support you.

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My passion for Biochemistry has been allowed to flourish here. It is so wonderful to hear everyone talk about their subjects with such excitement and vigour. It creates an inspiring and motivating atmosphere to work in.

RHIANNON DURANT



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# Biology

## Why study with us?

At Pembroke, we take a rich, interdisciplinary approach to the study of biology.

- Tutors are engaged in research across the breadth of the subject and focus particularly on exploring the over-arching questions in biology
- Undergraduates are welcomed into the broader Life Sciences community in College which includes a large cohort of postgraduates, independent researchers and senior research associates in Biology and related biosciences
- Our tutors organise practical tutorials that take place in field sites across Oxford, including the Botanic Gardens and the Museum of Natural History
- We are in the process of setting up a Natural History Society to offer backstage guided field trips to sites such as the Harcourt Arboretum, the Museum of Natural History and Wytham Woods

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The Biology tutors at Pembroke are extremely kind and supportive and give prompt and useful feedback that allows all the students to make the most of the course and their time at Pembroke.

MADDIE JUDGE

## Meet the tutors

- Professor Roberto Salguero-Gómez's research focuses on the evolution of ageing, life history theory, population forecast, and functional trait ecology. He recently won the “Open Science” award from the Spanish Association of Terrestrial Ecology for his research group's efforts towards a more comprehensive, transparent and open world of population ecology.
- Our Biology community also includes Senior Research Fellow Professor Amy Dickman, who specialises in human-wildlife conflict and conservation and is joint CEO of Lion Landscapes.

## Where our students are now

Katerina Johnson (2011) continued at Pembroke for her DPhil and is a Research Associate here at Oxford where she studies the connections between the gut microbiome, the brain and behaviour. She is also a Science Communicator, seeking creative ways to engage the public in science. She has had various TV, radio, press and podcast features, and was a TEDx Speaker in 2019.



6  
places  
per year

## Did You Know

Marvel's Professor X, founder of the X-Men, spent two years at Pembroke where he studied Genetics!





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# Chemistry

## Why study with us?

Pembroke is a unique and engaging place to study Chemistry, with:

- Three senior academic tutors in Chemistry – more than most other colleges – giving you access to learn from and debate with academics at the forefront of research using the most up-to-date techniques and analysis
- A focussed tutorial programme
- Revision classes to guide you through the Oxford exam process
- Additional tutorials and support in all of the subsidiary course topics: Maths, Biological Sciences and Physics

And beyond tutorials, you'll benefit from:

- The Pembroke Undergraduate Chemistry Society (PUCS)
- An integrated and close-knit Chemistry community, bringing together undergraduates, graduates and academics for dinners and social occasions each term
- The opportunity to apply for our Rokos Internships Scheme which provides full funding for an academic summer internship - see more on page 16

## Meet the tutors

Pembroke Chemistry tutors possess a wide range of expertise which covers the breadth of the discipline.

- Professor Ben Davis specialises in the chemical biology of carbohydrates and proteins.

He was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society in 2015 and of the Academy of Medical Sciences in 2019 for his outstanding contributions to the chemistry of biology and medicine.

- Professor Andrew Baldwin runs a biomolecular NMR research group in the University, studying the structures and dynamics of human molecular chaperone proteins, and has won recent awards and grants for his work.

- Professor Ann Chippindale's research is focused on X-ray crystallography and discovering arrangements of atoms in never-before-seen structures.

## Where our students are now

Jonathan Ross (2006) continued his studies with a DPhil in Organic Chemistry before taking a law conversion course. Now an Associate at Carpmaels & Ransford, he applies his background in Chemistry to patent litigation in the technology and life sciences sectors, including work with small molecule and antibody drugs.

6  
places  
per year

## Did you know?

James Smithson, a chemist and mineralogist who assisted with the development of smithsonite and was the founding donor of the Smithsonian Institution, studied at Pembroke in 1782-86.

“ At Pembroke, all the Chemistry tutors are very supportive both pastorally and academically. They are more than willing to listen and help with all sorts of chemistry related questions or problems. Our Chemists are especially close and enjoy working with each other.

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# Chinese

## Why study with us?

The Chinese community here is active and well-established, with:

- One of the largest cohorts of students reading Chinese within the University
- A Fellow and a Junior Research Fellow in Chinese - we are one of only a small number of colleges with a Fellow in Chinese!
- A large collection of books for Chinese in our library

This means that when you study Chinese at Pembroke you will:

- Join an active and diverse subject community
- Be well supported throughout your degree
- Find lots of opportunities to network and challenge yourself
- Build relationships with other students and academics in your subject area
- Be part of the two informal subject dinners we hold per term to bring together undergraduate and graduate students

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Studying Chinese at Pembroke has been an amazing experience! Although I originally interviewed at another college, I ended up being offered a place at Pembroke which I am extremely glad about.

CARLA MESSINGER

## Meet the tutors

- Professor Henrietta Harrison's specialist interests lie in modern Chinese history and society, though she is also interested in contemporary Chinese politics and international relations – giving you access to learn from a specialist in both of these areas!

## The year abroad

Students spend their second year abroad on a course especially designed for Oxford's undergraduates. Students are currently enjoying studying in Taiwan though we hope that it will also be possible for students to return to Beijing in the future. Our tutors will support students throughout their year away.

## Where our students are now

Otto Newland (2016) is about to start a Master's degree in History at National Taiwan University, funded by the Taiwan government.



3  
places  
per year



# Computer Science and Joint Courses

## Why study with us?

Studying Computer Science at Pembroke, you'll join a diverse and interdisciplinary community of students and academics all interested in the application of technology to all parts of life.

You'll gain an appreciation of how equational reasoning underpins computing, with:

- Small-group discussions with subject tutors, providing you with a firm grounding in the core topics of computer science
- Tutorials led by domain experts covering all first and second-year courses
- The opportunity to study and engage closely with the mathematics community at Pembroke

It's an exciting time to join, with our new Rokos Fellow and Tutor in Computer Science building an enthusiastic and engaged community. The team is strengthened by a cluster of senior Academics in College whose research intersects with Computer Science in areas such as:

- Artificial Intelligence
- Robotics
- Medical sciences
- Psychology

## Meet the tutors

- Professor Ana Namburete is an expert in the application of machine learning to image data for the purposes of clinical diagnoses. She is passionate about diversity and inclusion in academic research, and a representative of Oxford in the trans-European NeurotechEU alliance for promoting excellence in brain research.

## Joint courses

We also offer:

- Maths and Computer Science (see also [page 33](#))

## Did you know?

You don't need any prior knowledge of programming languages – the course is taught 'from the beginning', so everyone joins on a level playing field!

4  
places  
per year

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As advances in computing are impacting all aspects of our lives, this course provides the theoretical understanding of how computers work, and the skills needed to apply the theory to real-world scenarios. As the lead tutor, I am committed to supporting our students on this journey.

PROFESSOR ANA NAMBURETE

ROKOS FELLOW AND TUTOR IN COMPUTER SCIENCE



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# Economics and Management

## Why study with us?

We have a strong tradition and reputation in Economics and Management at Pembroke:

- We pioneered Management Studies at undergraduate level at Oxford
- Our E&M cohort is the largest of any college in Oxford
- We have two Fellows in Management and two in Economics, offering a unique level of support in College
- Undergraduates work closely together and support one another throughout their degree, giving E&M at Pembroke its friendly and supportive reputation
- Our large cohort of graduate students create a vibrant and diverse community
- Pembroke was one of the original three founding colleges of Oxford's All-Innovate Business Plan Competition

Our engaged community and ongoing connections allow for various opportunities to enrich your studies and set you up for future success:

- Students applying for the University-wide All-Innovate Business Plan Competition are well supported within College and mentored throughout the process
- Economics at Pembroke is taught with an emphasis on policy relevant questions, taking a critical approach to economic theory
- E&M students are an international group and go on to a wide range of careers around the world, including start-ups, consultancy, banking and finance, government agencies and NGOs

## Meet the tutors

Our tutors' varied and wide-ranging specialisms mean you'll benefit from consistently high levels of support and tuition throughout your studies.

- Professor Owen Darbishire specialises in negotiations and collective bargaining, as well as having an international reputation in national models of employment systems.
- Dr Eamonn Molloy is an expert in complex organisation design and the role of technology in professional and organisation change. He has worked on research projects with numerous government bodies.
- Professor Pramila Krishnan is a specialist in Development Economics with a focus on applied microeconomics.
- Dr Brian A'Hearn specialises in Economic History, with a research focus on modern Italy.
- Dr Craig Holmes is an expert in Labour Economics.

## Where our students are now

Tristan De Souza (2003) runs the European arm of WeWork Capital Advisors and is co-founder of Longstock Capital.



8  
places  
per year

## Did you know?

Pembroke pioneered undergraduate Management Studies at Oxford.



# Engineering

## Why study with us?

You'll thrive in your Engineering studies thanks to:

- Tuition provided in College throughout your course by our friendly and approachable academics
  - As well as bringing expertise from their own research, our tutors have won awards for their teaching excellence and held roles within the department and as examiners, giving them a breadth of experience of Engineering at Oxford.
- Support to find internships in leading companies (in engineering and beyond) and opportunities such as the Rokos Internship Scheme which provides full funding for an academic summer internship
  - In the past students on the Rokos scheme have published papers in leading scientific journals and taken part in international robotics competitions!

You'll also be welcomed into a tight-knit engineering community where:

- Events and dinners throughout the year bring together Engineering students across all years as well as academics and alumni
- Final year students hold a "lessons learnt" session at the start of the year as an informal yet informative ice-breaker

- You'll get an insight into what lies ahead as final year students present their research projects at the end of the year
- Students are encouraged to participate in department initiatives such as Formula Student, Team ORIon, OxRam and the Women in Engineering Society

## Meet the tutors

The breadth of the Engineering course is matched by the breadth of our academics' and postgraduates' research interests.

- Professor Clive Siviour's research investigates the behaviours of materials and structures when subjected to impact loading.
- Professor Nick Hawes, who is based at the Oxford Robotics Institute, explores how techniques from artificial intelligence can be applied to allow robots to perform useful tasks for or with humans in everyday environments.

## Where our students are now

Jennifer Ehr (2014) now works as a Section Engineer at Morgan Sindall, working on the Thames Tideway Tunnel project as part of the BAM Nuttall, Morgan Sindall, Balfour Beatty joint venture delivering the west section of London's new 'super' sewer.

“Our tutors are friendly and helpful, and explain the material in a way that all of us can understand. The size of our cohort means we get to know each other well and help each other out when needed.

LARA RADOJCIC

## Did you know?

A bridge at Pembroke won the 2013 Structural Award pedestrian footbridge category in recognition of international excellence in structural engineering!

6  
places  
per year



# English and Joint Courses

## Why study with us?

We are proud of the interdisciplinary nature of our English community and course, enriched by:

- A large cohort of students on single and joint courses
- Different perspectives brought by students with wide-ranging interests
- Committed tutors with diverse specialisms
- Our English society which meets regularly and runs activities ranging from film screenings to talks from external speakers
- A thriving drama community and JCR Art Committee which offer opportunities to explore how your degree works in practice
- Our affiliation with the Oxford Playhouse, allowing students to benefit from subsidised theatre tickets
- The annual News UK Lecture and the Tolkien Lecture on Fantasy Literature, which are both hosted here at Pembroke

## Meet the tutors

Pembroke English tutors are enthusiastic about their own research and about their students' individual interests. They encourage independent thought and allow you wherever possible the freedom to choose your own texts and topics.

- Professor Lynda Mugglestone's expertise centres on the social and cultural history of the English language from 1750 to the present.
- Professor Ushashi Dasgupta's research interests include nineteenth-century fiction and the relationship between literature and place.

## Where our students are now

Katharine Viner (1989) is editor-in-chief of the Guardian. She has also been editor of the Guardian US and launched the award-winning Guardian Australia in 2013. Under her leadership the Guardian became the first news organisation in the world to win both an Oscar and a Bafta. Katharine is also the winner of the Diario Madrid prize for journalism for her 2016 long read, *How Technology Disrupted the Truth*.

## Joint courses

We have a strong focus on joint courses, with tutors from multiple disciplines working closely to ensure you get the most out of your university experience. Find out more on page 20.

- English and Modern Languages (see also [page 35](#))
- History and English (see also [page 30](#))

## Did you know?

J.R.R. Tolkien wrote *The Hobbit* and the first two books of *The Lord of the Rings* while a Fellow at Pembroke.



# History and Joint Courses

## Why study with us?

History students at Pembroke:

- Come from a wide range of backgrounds
- Have diverse interests spanning the breadth of the historical disciplines on offer at Oxford
- Are united in their desire to fulfil their intellectual potential while here
- Are friendly and ambitious

Studying with us, you'll benefit from:

- Support to choose and study a broad selection of topics, according to your interests
- Approachable and flexible tutors who are committed to your academic and personal success
- Diverse perspectives and fresh ideas brought by our high intake of students on joint courses (see more on page 20), in addition to our single honours students
- Our vast collection of artefacts in the College Library
- Our active History Society which arranges dinners, talks, quizzes and film nights to bring together all Pembroke Historians

## Meet the tutors

- Professor Adrian Gregory's research interests lie in 20th century British and European History, particularly the First World War in British and Global History.
- Professor Stephen Tuck specialises in US History, Race history and historiography.

## Where our students are now

Dr Michael Joseph (2011) is the first academic to hold the new position of University Lecturer in Black British History at the University of Cambridge

## Joint courses

We have a strong focus on joint courses, with tutors from multiple disciplines working closely to ensure you get the most out of your university experience. Find out more on page 20.

- History and Economics (see more on [page 27](#))
- History and English (see more on [page 29](#))
- History and Modern Languages (see more on [page 35](#))
- History and Politics (see more on [page 39](#))

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Pembroke is such a lovely community, and an amazing place to study History! The tutors are really supportive, and the students are always willing to help each other out.

ANIYA SELVADURAI



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6

places per year  
plus up to 8 on  
joint courses



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# Japanese

### Why study with us?

We have a long-standing tradition of Japanese studies at Pembroke:

- We are one of only three Oxford Colleges with a Fellow in Japanese
- We have one of the best College libraries for books relating to Japanese studies – with a dedicated section in our Library
- Studying here, you will be welcomed into a lively undergraduate and graduate cohort

We offer plenty of opportunities to enrich your studies, including:

- A series of events hosted at Pembroke, including the Tanaka Memorial Symposium in Japanese Studies which brings together scholars from around the world
- Various career-oriented events
- The TEPCo Prize for good performance in first year examinations, funded by a gift to the College from the Tokyo Electric Power Company
- A longstanding partnership with Technos College in Japan, allowing visits and prize exchanges

### Meet the tutors

- Professor Linda Flores' current research focuses on writing produced after the Great East Japan Earthquake of 2011, sometimes referred to as '3.11 literature'. She is particularly interested in the ethics and aesthetics of representing trauma in contemporary writing.

“Everyone shares a common passion for Japanese and Japan, but all have their own specific interests within the subject and engage in a range of extra-curricular activities. This makes for a diverse and fun subject group at Pembroke.

JONATHAN FUGGER

Our Japanese Studies community also includes Dr Juliana Buriticá Alzate, who specialises in Japanese Literature and Gender and Sexuality Studies and is also a literary translator, and Ms Kaori Nishizawa, who teaches Japanese Language at Pembroke.

### Where our students are now

Frederic Aranda (1998) is a multi-award-winning fashion and portrait photographer who has combined his love of photography with his interest in Japanese culture and the literature he studied while at Oxford. See his work here: [www.fredericaranda.com](http://www.fredericaranda.com).

4  
places  
per year

### Did you know?

Pembroke Languages students are eligible for £100 of funding in their first year and another £100 in their final year towards the cost of books for their course.



# Law and Joint Courses

## Why study with us?

Law students at Pembroke receive an education that combines the College's historically strong legal tradition with all the advantages of studying law in the twenty-first century. Our tutors are committed to supporting the next generation of Law students.

Undergraduate and graduate Law students form one large cohort at Pembroke to create a strong sense of community and an extensive support network. Our students also benefit from:

- **The Slaughter and May Book Scheme** which provides core textbooks free of charge
- **The Blackstone Lectures** which are given annually by a significant legal figure – in the past this has included Sir Keir Starmer and our own Master, The Rt Hon Sir Ernest Ryder, who was Senior President of Tribunals and a Lord Justice of Appeal prior to arriving at Pembroke
- **Study Skills Sessions** which teach the techniques necessary for the study of law and exam success
- **Mooting Competitions** to develop legal skills in a practical context (these are fictional cases argued by students, as if barristers)
- **Excellence Dinners** which recognise students' academic success and celebrate the successes of former students who achieved first class degrees and who then share their exam advice and tips for success

## Did you know?

Pembroke has educated several prominent members of the legal world, from Sir William Blackstone to the current Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales!

## Meet the tutors

- Alongside teaching Criminal Law and Administrative Law, Professor Rebecca Williams works on projects involving artificial intelligence, machine learning and the interrelationship of law and technology.
- Professor Ariel Ezrachi serves as the Director of the University of Oxford Centre for Competition Law and Policy, and is part of a research project on Competition Policy and Economic Inequality.

## Where our students are now

Caroline Daly (2007, Law with Law Studies in Europe) is a Barrister at Francis Taylor Building. She was called to the Bar in 2013 and is currently the third highest rated planning barrister under 35.

Dr Valentin Jeutner (2008) has returned to Pembroke as a research associate, exploring foundational questions of international law. He has created a card game to make international law more accessible, and produced a short film called 'Aporia' which was shot at Pembroke.

## Our Courses

We also admit students for Law with Law Studies in Europe, and for the senior status Law Degree for students with a prior undergraduate degree.

“What sets apart Pembroke Law is the constant attention and help provided by our amazing tutors

DANIEL BOGOMOLNYI-MOULIN



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6  
places  
per year



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# Mathematics and Joint Courses

## Why study with us?

We offer:

- A diverse range of subject areas – from algebraic geometry and number theory to algorithms and data sciences
- The opportunity for you to meet and engage with up-and-coming lecturers who are specialists in their own exciting fields of research
- Copies of the standard textbooks and lecture notes required for lecture courses, all available in our College Library
- The majority of your tutorial teaching delivered in College
- Twice-termly Maths Society meetings and engaging talks with guest speakers about the real-life application of mathematics
- The opportunity to network with experts in a range of fields
- A “buddy” system, where you’ll be matched with a second-year student to answer any questions or go for a coffee with you!

## Meet the tutors

- Professor Raphael Hauser’s research interests are in optimisation, algorithms and data science.
- Professor Damian Rössler specialises in algebraic geometry and number theory.

“ I applied to study Mathematics because I love solving puzzles and working through a problem by applying logic. I have loved my time at Pembroke. I have been able to immerse myself in both my Mathematics degree and the friendly and supportive community.

GEORGE CULL

## Where our students are now

Benjamin Lavelle (2015) joined the Civil Service Fast Stream as an Operational Research analyst. He developed forecasting models for courts and built data science tools to analyse legal text in the Ministry of Justice. He has since used his skills in interpreting and presenting data to support the UK’s pandemic response, working with Professor Sir Chris Whitty.

## Joint courses

We also offer:

- Mathematics and Philosophy (see also [page 37](#))
- Mathematics and Computer Science (see also [page 26](#))
- Mathematics and Statistics



8  
places  
per year



# Medicine

## Why study with us?

Our Medicine tutors and lecturers:

- Provide first-class, College-based teaching exclusive to our Medicine students
- Are world experts and hold leading positions in the Oxford medical community

You'll also benefit from:

- A large number of prizes for medical students, both to recognise academic achievement and to support summer internships
- Generous funding for overseas placements and clinical electives for clinical students
- Several dinners throughout the year to bring the Pembroke Medicine community together
- A welcoming and tight-knit cohort of Medicine students who are good friends and look out for one another
- The opportunity to meet alumni and hear inspirational stories about where their degrees have taken them

## Did you know?

Professor Sir Chris Whitty, Chief Medical Officer for England, who played a key role in England's response to the COVID pandemic, studied at Pembroke!



4  
places  
per year

## Meet the tutors

- Professor Fredrik Karpe is head of the Oxford Centre for Diabetes, Endocrinology and Metabolism. His research involves using genomics, cell biology and whole body physiology to investigate metabolic consequences of obesity and human fat distribution.
- Dr Lois Brand is Associate Director of Clinical Studies at Oxford, leading on pastoral care, and is an A&E consultant.
- Dr Richard Harrington is a qualified GP as well as Associate Director of the Graduate Entry course.

## Where our students are now

Brianna Stubbs (2009, Pre-clinical Medicine) is Lead Translational Scientist at Buck Institute for Research on Aging, responsible for transitioning innovative technologies from the lab to consumers or patients. She also rowed for Great Britain between 2009 and 2016 and was included in the BBC's list of 100 inspiring and influential Women in 2014.

“One of the great things about Medicine is the breadth of career options it presents, offering the opportunity to craft a career which fully utilises your talents.

DR LOIS BRAND

STIPENDIARY LECTURER IN MEDICINE

# Modern Languages And Joint Courses

## Our courses

We offer:

- French
- Italian
- German
- Spanish
- Portuguese
- Modern Greek

## Why study with us?

Pembroke is particularly strong in languages, with:

- A large cohort of languages students across disciplines, forming a diverse community
- An unusually wide variety of languages on offer
- Fellows in French and Italian and lecturers in German, Spanish, Portuguese, Modern Greek and Linguistics – meaning you'll receive close tuition and support in College whichever language(s) you choose
- A dedicated student subject rep who organises social events for students across multiple linguistic disciplines to get to know each other, and acts as an academic and pastoral points of contact
- Generous book grants to cover the cost of buying your own copies of books

## The year abroad

Our tutors will give advice on planning the year away (usually the third year of your course) and we have links with other institutions and exchange programmes that you can take part in. Our students spend this time in a wide variety of settings and clearly benefit great from these experiences, returning to their final year in College more confident in their area of study.

## Meet the tutors

- Dr Tim Farrant has published on authors from Balzac to Zola along with other aspects of 19th century French literature, culture and visual art, including Anglo-French literary and cultural relations.
- Professor Guido Bonsaver's research interests include 20th century Italian culture, in particular the relationship between political history and narrative. He has recently worked on censorship during the Fascist regime and on cinema and migration in contemporary Italy.

## Where our students are now

Kenny Dada (2013, French) is Account Director at international communications agency VCCP and has previously worked for Wunderman Thompson and HEC Paris. She is Deputy Chair of the Board of Watford Palace Theatre.

## Joint courses

We also offer:

- Modern Languages and Linguistics
- English and Modern Languages (see also [page 29](#))
- History and Modern Languages (see also [page 30](#))
- European and Middle Eastern Languages (see also [page 21](#))
- Philosophy and Modern Languages (see also [page 37](#))

Find out more about joint courses on [page 20](#).



8 to 10  
places  
per year

## Did you know?

Languages graduates are amongst the most employable, along with those in other sought-after subjects like Medicine and Law.



# Music

## Why study with us?

Our Music community is diverse and active:

- Students are admitted to read Music at Pembroke from a wide range of schools and colleges, and with very different musical experiences
- We have a thriving Music Society that attracts talented musicians from a wide range of academic disciplines
- As well as our Music students, we aim to have two Organ Scholars in residence (who organise and conduct the College Chapel Choir and take responsibility for other music in College)

We have excellent facilities onsite and nearby:

- Pembroke is two minutes from the Music Faculty
- Our Pichette Auditorium provides a modern and spacious recital space housing our Steinway D piano
- Our Chapel is host to various services, recitals and other events, often organised by students

Other opportunities include:

- Involvement with the College Choir, informal concerts, weekly lunchtime recitals and the annual College musical
- The Instrumental Award: worth £300 and open to first year undergraduates reading any subject, made on the basis of a short recital
- The Singing Scholarship: offering eighteen free singing lessons with a highly renowned professional vocal coach
- Choral Awards: scholarships offered through the University's choral award scheme for those who wish to sing in the College choir

## Where our students are now

Tarik O'Regan (1996) is a contemporary classical music composer whose work has been recorded on over 40 albums and recognised with two Grammy nominations and two Ivors Composer Awards. Tarik has also been made an Honorary Fellow of Pembroke!

### Did you know?

Our Chapel is home to one of only three Létourneau Organs in the UK

2  
places  
per year

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Studying music at Pembroke is so rewarding because of the diversity of the course and our active musical community, there is something for everybody.

ALASTAIR STONE



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# Philosophy and Joint Courses

## Our courses

- Philosophy and Modern Languages (see also [page 35](#)) – 1 to 2 places
- Philosophy and Theology (see also [page 41](#)) – 2 places
- Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE) (see [page 39](#)) – 7 places
- Physics and Philosophy (see also [page 38](#)) – 3 places
- Psychology, Philosophy and Linguistics (PPL) (see [pages 40 & 35](#)) – 1 to 2 places
- Maths and Philosophy (see also [page 33](#)) – 2 places

Find out more about joint courses on [page 20](#).

## Why study with us?

Due to the wide variety of Philosophy joint courses offered at Pembroke, the Philosophy community within College is particularly extensive, offering students the opportunity to benefit from a broad range of perspectives.

Our strong focus on joint courses also means that your tutors will work closely together throughout the course of your degree to deliver a collaborative and enriching academic experience. Many of our academics also work across disciplines in their own research.

Philosophy is a lively subject community, with:

- Events to bring together students studying Philosophy across all other disciplines
- A Philosophy reading group which meets regularly
- Academic seminars and talks from prominent philosophers once every term
- Regular social gatherings and subject dinners
- Study skills workshops, including exam timetabling, revision and dissertation advice

## Meet the tutors

- Professor Guy Kahane's research interests are in moral philosophy, philosophy of religion, psychology and neuroscience, and medicine.
- Professor James Read specialises in the philosophy of Physics, particularly the foundations of spacetime theories; the study of symmetries in physics; and the role of probability in physics.

## Did you know?

We have our very own Pembroke Philosophy blog and welcome contributions from the community!

“Pembroke is a great place to study Philosophy and Theology! We have an expert group of tutors with a variety of specialisations and a tight-knit community in both subjects.  
DYLAN SAVAGE



# Physics and Joint Courses

## Why study with us?

Our friendly tutors:

- Will support you academically and pastorally, meeting with you on a one-to-one basis at the end of each term to provide personalised pastoral care
- Are engaged in their own world-class research

You'll also benefit from:

- Living centrally, just a 10-minute walk from the Physics department
- The Physics Society which meets twice a term to discuss current research and papers or listen to talks, often with cake and wine!
- Engaging talks by speakers ranging from local researchers and graduate students to high profile external speakers
- The chance to give presentations to other students
- A close-knit Physics community who organise social activities together and work collaboratively in our shared study spaces
- The opportunity to apply for our Rokos Internship Scheme, providing full funding for an academic summer internship

## Meet the tutors

- Professor Tim Woollings' research focuses on understanding extreme weather and the role of climate change in the extratropics, particularly in the North Atlantic region. He is also the Oxford Joint Chair of the Met Office.
- Our other committed tutors have broad specialisms and are engaged in projects such as developing and building a new silicon strip tracker as part of the Inner Tracker upgrade of the ATLAS detector at CERN; working on the HyperKamiokande experiment in Japan; and testing the foundational structure of quantum theory.

## Where our students are now

Dr Becky Smethurst (2013, DPhil, Astrophysics) is an astrophysics researcher, author and science communicator. Alongside her research on galaxy evolution and the growth of supermassive black holes, she runs an award-winning astronomy YouTube channel called 'Dr Becky', has published a book answering big questions about space, and has made several TV and radio appearances.

## Joint courses

We also offer:

- Physics and Philosophy (see also [page 37](#))

We have a strong focus on joint courses, with tutors from multiple disciplines working closely to ensure you get the most out of your university experience. Find out more on [page 20](#).

“We usually have 2 or 3 PhysPhil (Physics and Philosophy) students at Pembroke each year, which is a relatively big cohort and makes Pembroke a great place to study Physics and Philosophy!”

ABBY O'GORMAN



8  
places  
per year



# Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE)

## Why study with us?

We feel strongly about the value of interdisciplinary cooperation at all levels of study:

- The Social Science Society meets termly to stimulate debate from the variety of perspectives represented by students and academics alike
- We have a large, diverse community across the subjects in PPE, meaning there is an excellent peer support network
- Our Philosophy community is particularly extensive due to the wide variety of joint courses offered at Pembroke, allowing students to benefit from a broad range of philosophical perspectives and schools of thought
- Your studies in PPE will take place with a number of different tutors, all offering different perspectives and insight into their various specialisms
- We invite prestigious guest speakers in areas relevant to PPE to give lectures in College
- Our philosophy reading group and politics colloquium provide further opportunity for discussion and to meet other undergraduate and graduate students

## Meet the tutors

- Dr Brian A'Hearn is an economic historian with a research focus on modern Italy.
- Professor James Read specialises in the philosophy of Physics.
- Professor Guy Kahane's research interests are in moral philosophy, philosophy of religion, psychology and neuroscience, and medicine.
- Professor Pramila Krishnan's research is concentrated on applied microeconomics.
- Professor Stephen Whitefield specialises in post-Communist politics and society.
- Dr Craig Holmes is an expert and lecturer in Labour Economics.

Find out more about our PPE tutors on our website.

## Where our students are now

Secretary Pete Buttigieg (2015) was appointed US Secretary of Transportation by President Biden in 2021, having served two terms as the mayor of South Bend.



# Psychology and Joint Courses

## Our courses

- Experimental Psychology (EP)
- Psychology, Philosophy and Linguistics (PPL) (see also pages 37 and 35)

## Why study with us?

The Psychology community at Pembroke:

- Is friendly and inclusive
- Forms an excellent, tight-knit support network that brings together undergraduate and graduate students
- Offers undergraduates a direct link to graduates' ongoing research and opportunities to discuss and be involved with all stages of the experimental process
- Meets once a week for lunch during term (undergraduates, graduates and tutors!), creating a space for practical discussions about the course and life in Oxford, as well as conversations about exciting psychological discoveries
- Holds regular research evenings where finalists, graduate students, tutors and guest speakers present their work

## Meet the tutors

- Professor Hannah Smithson's research focuses on the neural mechanisms that underlie perception. She uses psychological experiments to objectively measure human visual performance under different conditions.
- Dr Rebekah White's research interests lie in the field of Cognitive Psychology; she is currently involved in a project on interdisciplinary readings of medieval science. She is also the College's welfare and wellbeing co-ordinator.
- Allie Hexley's research exploring the intra- and inter- personal differences in colour perception combines her interests in both physics and neuroscience. Her other research interests lie in understanding the dynamic properties of the retina.

## Where our students are now

Recent Pembroke graduates have gone on to pursue broad interests including clinical, performance and educational psychology, computational neuroscience, graduate medicine, applied artificial intelligence, and further research.

James Tromans (2004, Experimental Psychology) continued his studies after graduating, completing a DPhil in Computational Neuroscience and Artificial Intelligence. He is now an Engineering Director at Google Cloud, leading blockchain and Web3.

“The Psychology community at Pembroke is strongly integrated between year groups, allowing older Psychologists to share their experiences and advice.

LEXI REYNARD



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4  
places  
per year



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# Theology and Joint Courses

## Why study with us?

We have our own:

- Lively and friendly community of theologians at undergraduate and graduate levels
- Unique postdoctoral research programme called 'Religion and the Frontier Challenges'
- Theology Fellow and other attached scholars, meaning the subject is well-resourced in terms of teaching
- Book grant offering £100 of funding in your first and final year towards the cost of course books for personal use

Studying Theology with us, you'll also benefit from:

- Events to bring the Theology community together and enrich your experience, including academic seminars, study skills workshops, subject dinners and informal social gatherings
- The opportunity to get to know students on all the different joint courses we offer, each with different interests and backgrounds and offering a diverse range of perspectives
- Freedom to choose which papers you study in later years - our tutors want to help you explore your own interests!

## Meet the tutors

- Professor Justin Jones is a specialist in modern and contemporary Islam and religion in the modern world.
- The Rev. Dr Andrew Teal, also our College Chaplain, has research interests including historical and systematic theology, the history of Christianity and the study of religions.

## Where our students are now

Vivienne Artz (1987, Philosophy and Theology) is a strategic leader, advocate and expert on data and global privacy issues who has held leading roles at the London Stock Exchange Group, Refinitiv, Thomson Reuters, the Centre for Information Policy Leadership and more.

## Joint courses

We have a strong focus on joint courses, with tutors from multiple disciplines working closely to ensure you get the most out of your university experience. Find out more on [page 20](#).

- Theology and Religion
- Philosophy and Theology (see also [page 37](#))
- Religion and Asian and Middle Eastern Studies (see also [page 41](#))

“One week I would be writing an essay about the formation of the Hebrew Bible; the next, an essay about the presentation of the Christ-like figure Aslan in The Chronicles of Narnia.

CHIMDINMA OKPALAUKO



4  
places  
per year



# The College Site

With buildings dating from the 17<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, Pembroke reflects a wide history of architectural styles. A striking glass bridge connects our beautiful historic quads to the modern Rokos Quad.

Some of our students' favourite spots include:

- Farthings, our very own College café - see more on page [12/13](#).
- The historic dining hall - see more on page [12/13](#).
- Sunny Chapel Quad, the heart of the College
- The characterful first-year bedrooms in North Quad's old houses

We're located right in the centre of Oxford, just minutes from the main High Street, central University libraries and other colleges, meaning everything you need is on your doorstep!

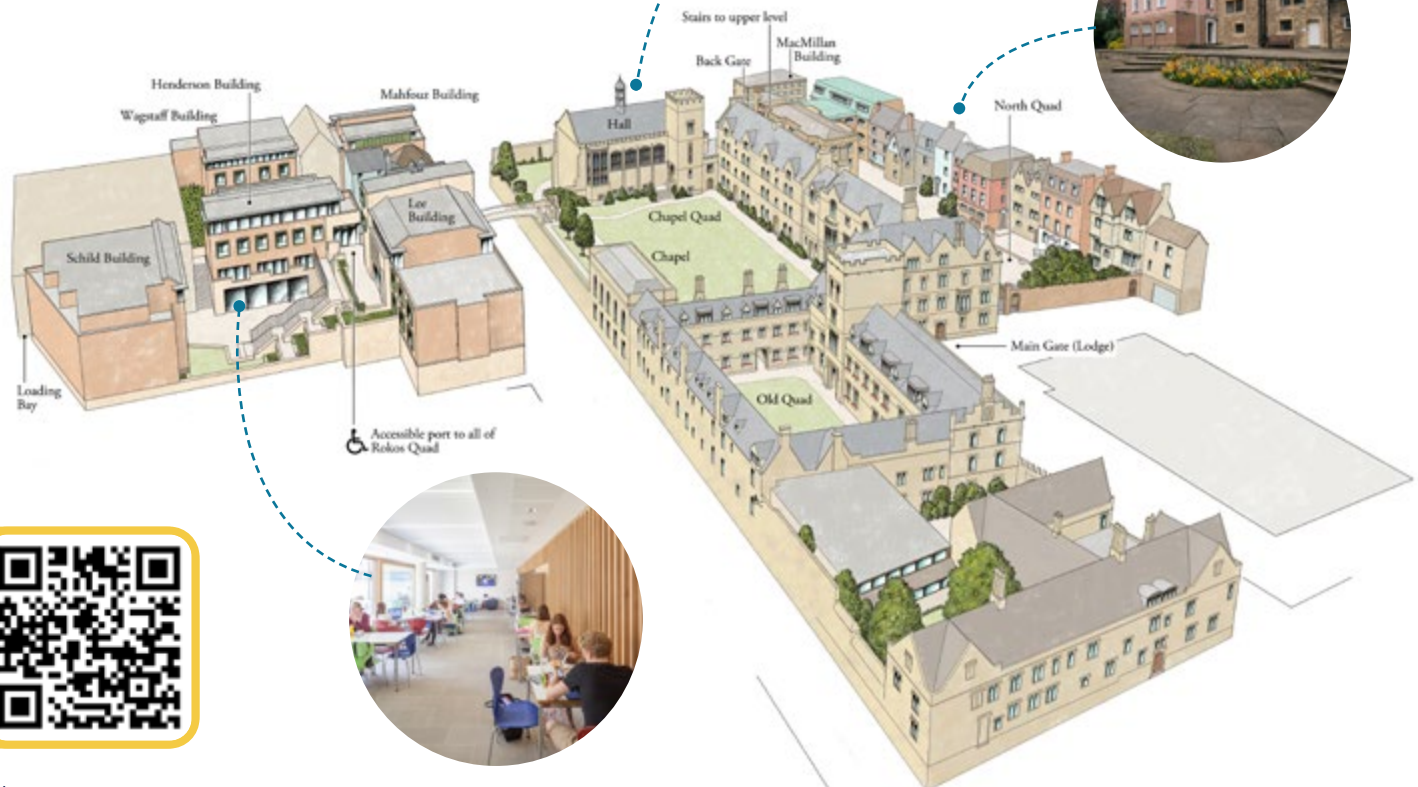
## Planning to cycle?

We have secure on-site bike storage available during term and over the holidays. You can cycle to most subject departments and libraries in 5 minutes, or enjoy exploring other interesting sites around Oxford.

See it for yourself

Why not check out all we have to offer on one of our Open Days. Use the QR code to find out more or visit:

<https://www.pmb.ox.ac.uk/open-days>



# Where We Are

Pembroke is centrally located, with everything you need on your doorstep.

## 3 MINUTE WALK

- Carfax Tower – the official centre of Oxford!
- Westgate Shopping Centre – 125+ shops, restaurants, supermarket and cinema
- G&Ds ice cream parlour – Oxford's famous ice cream, just round the corner
- Modern Art Oxford – World-class contemporary exhibitions

## 5 MINUTE WALK

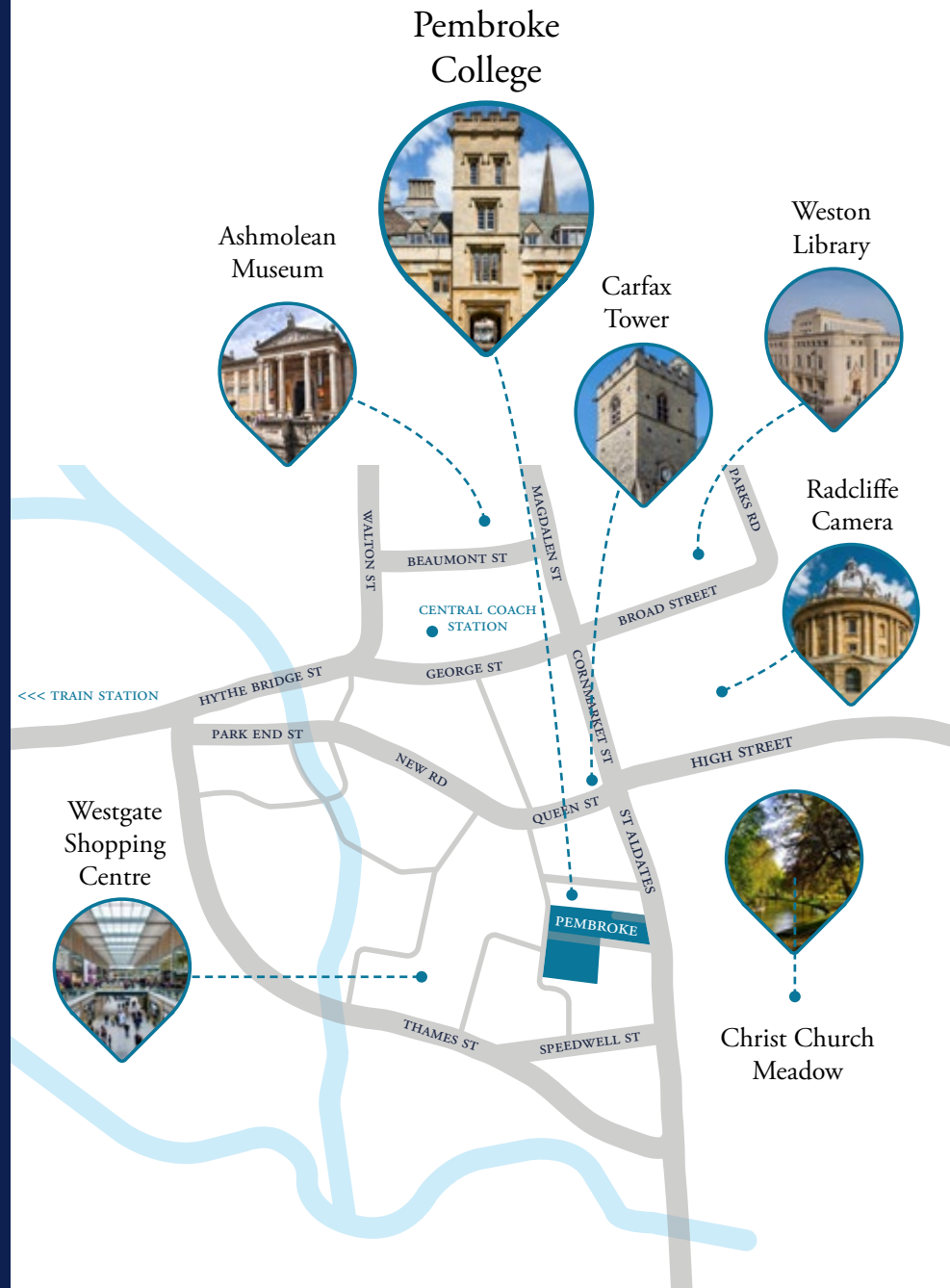
- Christ Church Meadow – perfect for picnics or exploring by boat
- The Covered Market – Home of amazing local crafts and food
- The Radcliffe Camera and Bodleian Library – Oxford's iconic, beautiful libraries

## 10 MINUTE WALK

- Oxford Playhouse – Contemporary live theatre, dance and music
- The Ashmolean Museum – The world's first university museum
- Gloucester Green – Home to a regular international food market, shops and cafés, as well as the central bus station
- Botanic Gardens – A corner of tropical paradise in the city

## 15 MINUTE WALK

- Oxford Rail Station – Well-connected to major UK cities
- Pitt Rivers and Natural History Museum – A wealth of history and important artefacts from around the world
- Our Boathouse – Where Pembroke rowers train down the river





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