Churchill College Ballot for Rooms 2017-18

Dear Advanced Students,

According to our records, you are expected to be a Churchill Graduate Student next term. You are, therefore, entitled to enter the Rooms Ballot for the academic year 2017-18. However, please note the priority lists below. If you do not enter the Ballot it will be assumed that you do not want to live in a College room next year. Room agreements are signed for the period ending 30th June 2018 as a minimum.

This information, as well as an online entry form for the Group and Individual Ballots, will be made available on the Churchill MCR website, under the “MCR” menu:

http://mcr.chu.cam.ac.uk

Summary

(categories and dates of ballot)

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A.1 Wolfson Flats and Maisonettes

If you would like to occupy a Wolfson Flat or Maisonette next year, you should write a brief letter to the TAS Office (tas@chu.cam.ac.uk) explaining why you want one (before 17th April). Anyone wishing to apply for a flat is out of the Rooms Ballot. Please note rent is payable monthly in advance.

Families with children already occupying a Wolfson Maisonette may be permitted to renew the lease for the year 2017-18. (Leases for studio flats can only be renewed under exceptional circumstances.) If you wish to renew your lease, you must also write to the TAS office before 17th April.

A.2 Advanced Student Rooms

There are approximately 167 rooms for 2017-18 (excluding the Wolfson Flats) available for Advanced Students, of which around 60 are to be allocated in the Ballot. The remainder of the rooms will be reserved for new Advanced Students.

Full details of each available room are available in a separate table (see attached “Room Rents 2017-18 for ballot.xlsx”), and sample pictures of rooms and common areas are available on the MCR website. Occupants are responsible for keeping their own rooms and the common areas clean. If you would like a double bed, and you are over 6 ft. 4", (verified by the College nurse) please make sure you bid for a room already housing a double bed. See the room rents table for details. Double beds will not be provided in other bedrooms.

B.1 Overview of Available Rooms

Overview of ‘Outer Hostels’
‘Outer Hostels’ - continued

- 11 Halifax Road
- 49 Oxford Road
- 53 Oxford Road
- 13 Priory Street

These are a short walk from College, located just off Huntingdon Road.

- 25 Rock Road

This is located just off Hills Road about halfway between the city centre and the Addenbrooke’s site and is convenient for medical students and anyone working near Addenbrooke’s or The Faculty of Education.

Medical students, those who work at Addenbrooke’s Hospital or The Faculty of Education have higher priority here.
The Staircases (in College)
- Staircase 3
- Staircase 34
- Staircase 49

The ‘Pepper Pots’ (three houses near the Wolfson Flats with ensuite rooms)
- Broers House (40A Storey’s Way)
- Bondi House (40B Storey’s Way)
- Hawthorne House (40C Storey’s Way)

The Sheppard Flats (near the Wolfson Flats)
- 4 flats, 3 rooms each

‘Inner Hostels’
- 36a Storey’s Way
- 36b Storey’s Way
- 44 Storey’s Way (Whittingehame Lodge)
- 64 Storey’s Way (Pinchin Riley House)
- 70 Storey’s Way
- 72 Storey’s Way
- 76 Storey’s Way

Note: Due to the building of the new graduate accommodation at the top of the site, work will begin to clear the plot of land near 36A and 36B Storey’s Way, and the west-facing Wolfson Flats, from October. Noise disruption should be limited to daytime, and at some point there may also be some power disruption to 36A and 36B.

B.2 Priority List

The Priority List for the Advanced Students has been drawn up from the following categories. One of each of the MCR President, Men's Welfare Officers, Women's Welfare Officers and Bar Treasurers will be considered as a priority and then:

(As of October 2017)
1) Ex-Churchill BAs, Ex-Part III and Ex-MPhil students in their first year of new course
2) Anyone with no more than 3 terms in graduate accommodation, generally applicable to those beginning their 2nd year of advanced studies in the academic year 2017-18,
3) Anyone else going into the 2nd year of a PhD (typically former MPhils who have done their first year of a PhD), or in the 3rd year of a PhD funded for 4 years.
4) Anyone else with more than 3 terms in graduate accommodation.

Note: Students approaching their 3rd year or higher of a PhD are unlikely to be allocated a room and are encouraged to look into alternative accommodation options. It is in these students' best interest to live out of college given the general likelihood that their PhD studies may overrun - as such, a periodic tenancy may be desirable while writing up.

B.3 Special extenuating circumstances

Students may be given a college room irrespective of their categories if they have extenuating circumstances. Such students need to write to the TAS (tas@chu.cam.ac.uk) and the MCR President (mcr-president@chu.cam.ac.uk) with the reason for approval (before 17th April). Suitable reasons would include medical grounds, or a student who is away in Easter term on Leave to Work Away.
How to Enter the Ballot

C.1 Groups Ballot

A Groups Ballot will take place for people to bid for the whole of an outer hostel, or 36A or 36B Storey’s Way. It is hoped that individuals choosing to live together will have fewer difficulties. The Groups Ballot is limited to those in the first two priority categories listed in section B.2.

The Groups Ballot will be open on Monday 24th April at 08:30 and will close on Wednesday 26th April at 16:00. Bids can be placed through the Churchill MCR website:

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All those who wish to enter the Groups Ballot may do so by providing the following information:

1. The names of the individuals who wish to bid for a whole Outer Hostel / 36A / 36B Storey’s Way and how many academic terms each has lived in College accommodation (this will be checked).
2. A list of ALL hostels for which the group is bidding, in a prioritised list. Groups may bid for all Hostels that have the same number of rooms as individuals in the group.
3. A group contact person (who can speak for the whole group) with phone number, and email.

After the close of the Ballot, groups will be considered for the hostels according to the following:

- Each group will be considered in order of their ‘average priority’.
- If two groups wish to have the same hostel/flat and are of the same priority, the hostel will be assigned by random draw.
- A group which is assigned an Outer Hostel will have its individuals withdrawn from the Individual Ballot.
- If no hostel for which the group bids is available, the individuals are then eligible to enter the Individual Ballot (see Section C.2).

C.2 Individuals Ballot:

After the Group Ballot, all remaining rooms will be put in to the Individuals Ballot. The Individuals Ballot will be open Monday 1st May at 08:30 and will close on Wednesday 3rd May at 16:00. Entries can be made through the MCR website:

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A revised list of the rooms available in the Ballot will be displayed in the TAS Office and on the MCR website. It is important to check that the rooms you are interested in are actually being put in the Ballot.

All those wishing to enter the Individuals Ballot must provide the following information:

1. Name, email, and number of terms/years they would have spent in Churchill graduate accommodation as of the end of September 2017. This will be checked.
2. A prioritised list of TEN rooms.
3. YES/NO to the following: “If none of the rooms I have indicated are available, I ask that I be assigned a room at random”
THE BALLOT WILL CLOSE promptly on Wednesday 3rd May at 16:00. After the close of the Ballot, entries will be entered into the automated Rooms allocation ballot system by the MCR President, Secretary and Computer Officer (with the TAS advising on any special cases) according to the following:

- Individuals will be considered starting at the top of the Priority List
- For each person, the rooms listed will be checked in priority order as they have indicated. The highest ranked available priority room, as indicated by the student, will be assigned.
- If none of the rooms the person has indicated are available, a room that best matches the price of your first choice room will be assigned if the person has indicated to do so upon entering the Ballot.
- All outer hostel rooms will be allocated in the ballot and so if there are 6 outer hostel rooms left and you are the 55th person to be assigned a room, you will be assigned an outer hostel room regardless of your list.
- Students will be informed of the results as soon as possible.

C.3 Additional Notes

- Anyone who ceases to pay full fees may only live in College accommodation at the discretion of the TAS and only if rooms are available.
- Room rents include background heating, but electricity is charged separately (metered in staircase rooms and flats, fixed charge or share of actual cost in hostels). Some hostels are serviced by bedders, and rents reflect this fact. Prices on the rooms list are given per week.
- Anyone who comes in to college, having lived out previously, is liable for the full advanced deposit: £1,500 for College rooms, £810 for College flats and £1,030 for College Maisonettes.
- Anyone accepting accommodation from College will have to initially sign a contract ending June 30, July 31 or August 31, unless they are given Leave to Work Away for a term. We can, however, be flexible with your preferred leaving dates – you will be asked to confirm in May 2018.
- People are placed in the highest category to which they might belong.

D. Further Questions

The TAS Office will also be open during normal office hours (except on 1st May) if you need any assistance.

Any further questions should be directed to Dr Barry Kingston, Rebecca Sawalmeh (tas@chu.cam.ac.uk), or Sam Ainsworth (mcr-president@chu.cam.ac.uk).