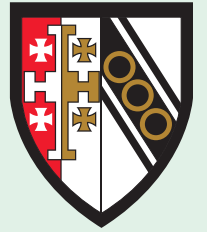
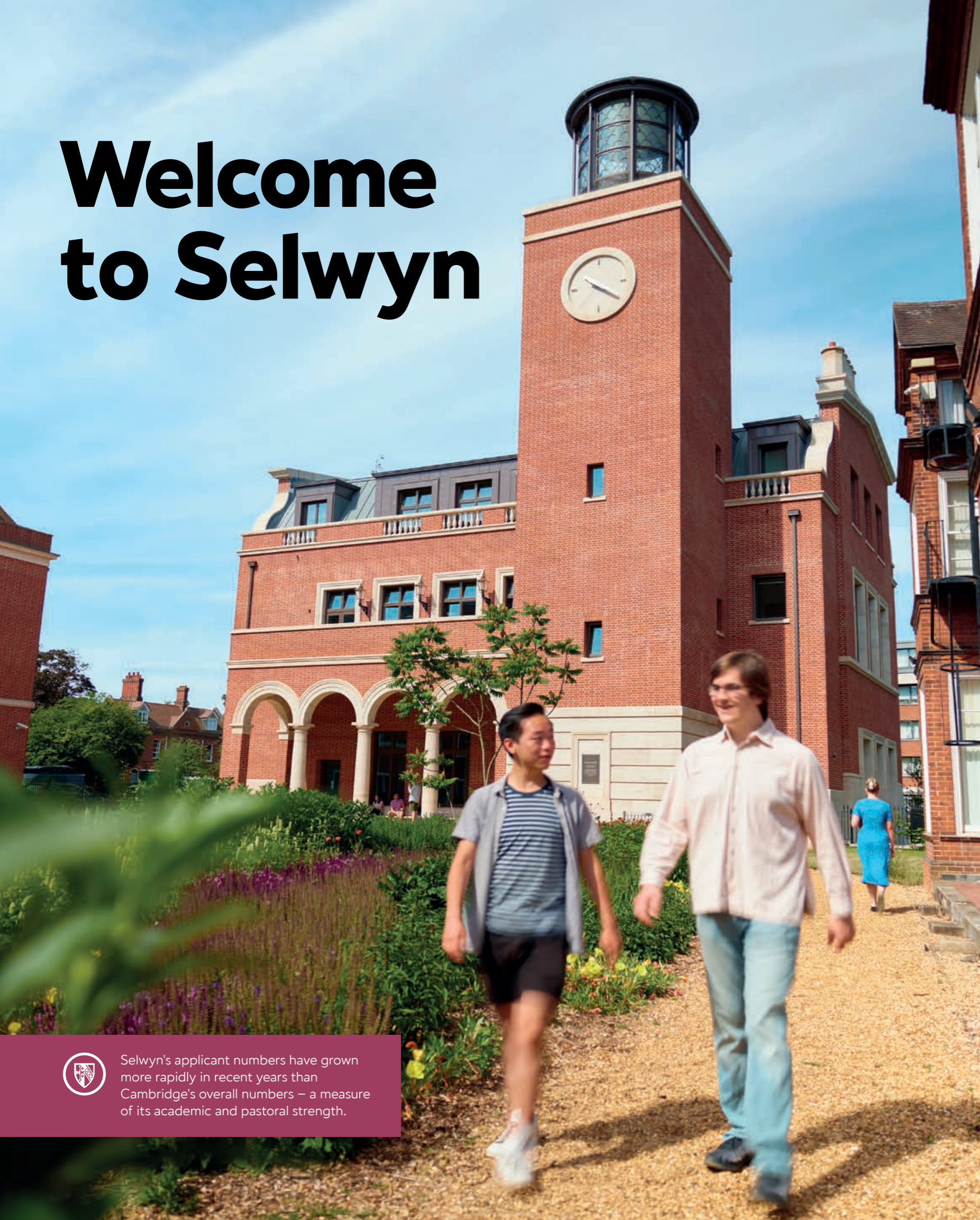


Selwyn College

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Welcome to Selwyn



Selwyn's applicant numbers have grown more rapidly in recent years than Cambridge's overall numbers – a measure of its academic and pastoral strength.

Selwyn is a special place. It provides a supportive community in which students excel academically and personally, making the very best of their time in Cambridge. It has a tradition of being open to students irrespective of their background, and has led the way in broadening the range of applicants who feel that Cambridge is for them.

Located at the heart of the University and housing all our undergraduate students on a single site, Selwyn helps its students to enjoy their learning while sharing in a rich and varied communal life. Studying at Selwyn is stimulating, challenging, and intellectually fulfilling. If you relish such a prospect, Selwyn provides the ideal environment in which you can achieve your goals – indeed, our academic community has produced leaders in many fields. We hope you will join us.


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Selwyn at the heart of Cambridge

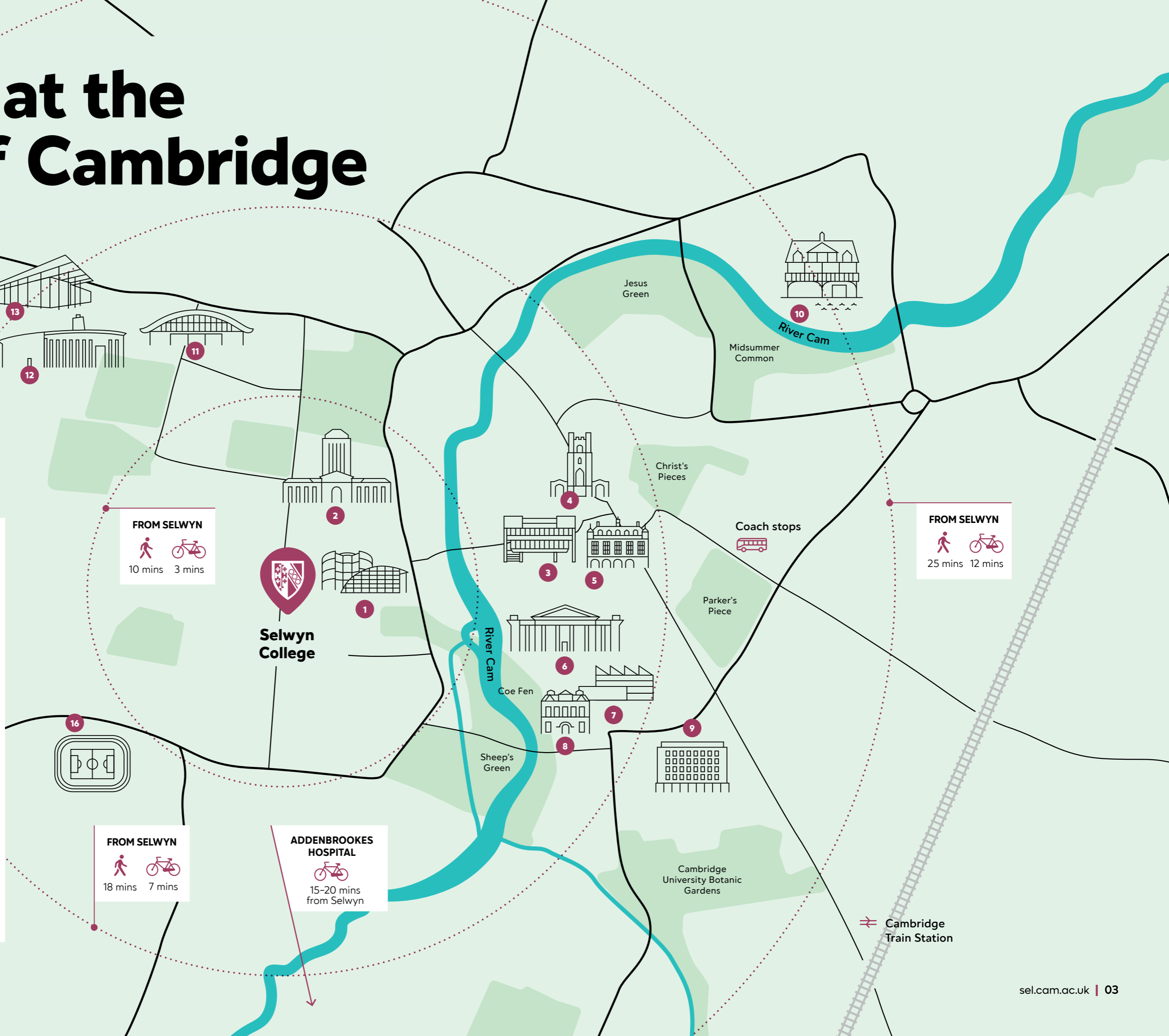
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ADDENBROOKES HOSPITAL

 15-20 mins from Selwyn



Admissions at Selwyn

Selwyn admits those students who are most likely to thrive on the academic experience offered at Cambridge. We are looking for people who have both performed outstandingly in their studies and have the potential to apply themselves further to excel on our courses. Enthusiasm for, and commitment to, the subject you intend to study is vital, often demonstrated by evidence of your own academic exploration outside the classroom.

“The application process was difficult, but the interview was a lot less daunting than I expected. It's very different to the common conception of an Oxbridge interview – it was a discussion that I really enjoyed.”

Alice



Selwyn College Auditorium



The admissions process provides us with as complete a picture as possible of an applicant's interests, motivation, and their academic ability and aptitude for their chosen course. We look carefully at each student's record in examinations, set in the context of their academic background and opportunities. We aim to invite the majority of applicants for academically searching interviews, which form only part of our overall assessment. For some subjects we require students to sit additional assessments. In others, we ask candidates to submit some relevant work that they've produced at school and which can be discussed at interview. The process allows us to spend a considerable amount of time on each candidate, and is tailored towards assessing each student as an individual.

If you are the sort of person who achieves high grades, relishes the prospect of studying in an intellectually challenging environment, and is willing to put in the time and effort needed to be successful in your studies, then we believe that you will be very much at home at Selwyn.

Further details about the admissions process and information about particular subjects can be found at www.sel.cam.ac.uk or by contacting the admissions team on admissions@sel.cam.ac.uk.

Study at Selwyn

Selwyn is at the geographical heart of the University. A ten-minute walk from the city centre, it appeals to students who want to live in the city but away from the crowds and traffic. The College is on a spacious site including beautiful gardens. The secluded areas create a calm and relaxing environment for the benefit of all members.

Next door to Selwyn is the University's Sidgwick Site, home to most arts, humanities, and social science faculties. The University Library is just across the road. We are equidistant from the city centre departments and the West Cambridge site. All the science departments and wider University facilities are within easy reach.



Selwyn has a range of subject-specific resources. Pictured here is our virtual anatomy table - cutting-edge technology used by our medical and veterinary students.



Selwyn's location in Cambridge is great, only about 10 minutes' walk into the centre of town, and with beautiful countryside behind the College's accommodation. Selwyn's proximity to the University Library makes life a lot easier."

Guillaume



Selwyn admits students to study all subjects offered at Cambridge.



“Cambridge’s supervision system means that every student has a few hours a week being taught by a world expert in their field alongside one or two other students. My supervisors have all been lovely – our supervisions have allowed us to build closer relationships with them and get all the more out of our time here.”

Macsen

Teaching and learning at Cambridge take various forms. ‘Supervisions’ are one element that makes the Cambridge experience stand out. This small-group teaching allows students to meet in groups of two to four, or sometimes even one-to-one, with a specialist in the topic that they’re studying.

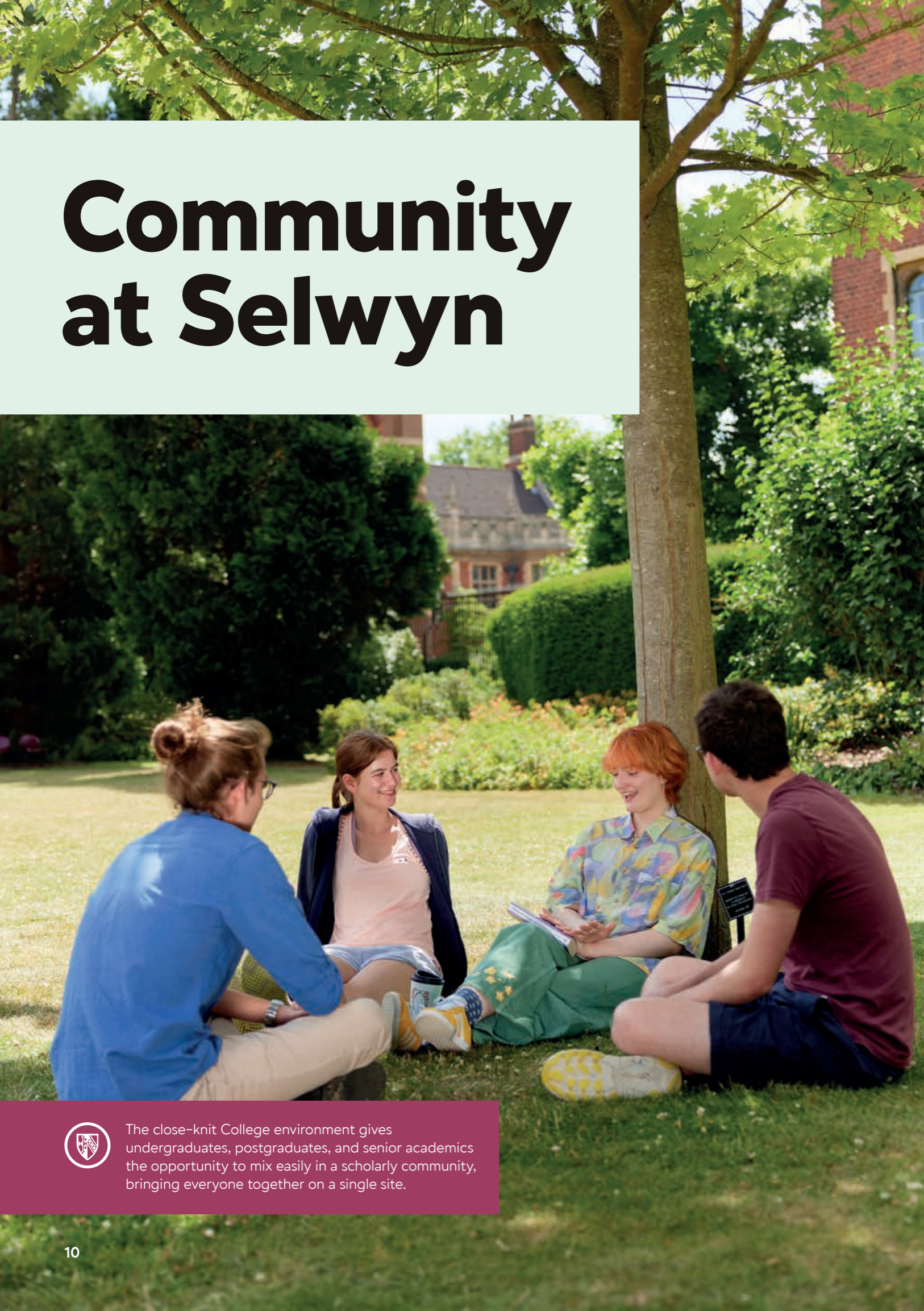
One of the strengths of supervisions is that they are tailored to the needs of individual students who receive in-depth feedback on work that they’ve prepared ahead of time, and can ask lots of questions as they go along. Supervisions are undoubtedly challenging and require preparation, but the aim is always to encourage students to explore new perspectives on their topic and to learn through academic conversation.



Selwyn devotes considerable resources, time, and energy to ensuring that its students get the most out of the supervision system. Each student has a Director of Studies (DoS) – an academic in their subject and based at Selwyn – who supports and oversees their academic progress at Cambridge. The DoS sets up supervision arrangements as well as being available to offer support and advice regarding study skills, course options, and other academic issues and challenges. Each DoS only looks after a small number of students and thus develops a strong knowledge of each student’s strengths and interests, helping to guide them accordingly.

Many supervisions for students at Selwyn are provided by the College’s academic staff, known as Fellows, but students’ options are in no way limited by their choice of College – Directors of Studies will find the best teaching for their students from across the University. In addition, the University organises lectures, seminars, and classes for each course. These bring together all students on a course from across Cambridge. Exams for all students in a subject are the same, and all will receive a University of Cambridge degree.

Community at Selwyn



The close-knit College environment gives undergraduates, postgraduates, and senior academics the opportunity to mix easily in a scholarly community, bringing everyone together on a single site.



“Selwyn's greatest strength is its people. Once you become a member of Selwyn, you are part of a community. Whether it's the Fellows, Porters, or catering staff, they look out for your pastoral and academic needs.”

Jack

Selwyn admits around 120 undergraduates each year. Within such a close-knit community, there is lots of help and advice available to deal with any challenges that might arise while studying here. Each student has a Tutor – an academic from a different subject – whose role is to offer pastoral support and assistance. Our Tutors are experienced in dealing with all kinds of difficulties that students might face and take a sustained interest in individual students' journeys from their first day through to graduation. The College Nurse and Wellbeing Officer is easily available for consultation, and the Chaplain also offers support to all Selwyn students. The College's Porters, who play a security and reception role, are on site 24/7. This all helps students feel secure and supported at all times. In addition, students support one another with the transition into University life and beyond. Student welfare officers support the work of the Tutors, College Wellbeing Officer, and Directors of Studies by providing peer-to-peer support from within the undergraduate community. Where necessary, our students and staff can signpost students to appropriate services and resources across the University and beyond.



Accommodation at Selwyn

Old Court



A key part of the Cambridge experience is living in College alongside your fellow students. All Selwyn's undergraduate rooms are on a single site, and we guarantee accommodation to all students for the three or four years of their undergraduate course. This fosters a cohesive and integrated community among our diverse student body.

All rooms for first-year students have private en-suite facilities and shared kitchenettes for preparing drinks and snacks. A ballot allows second-, third-, and fourth-year students to choose their preferred accommodation. Everyone has their own room (no rooms are shared). We have a range of different types of room, with rents that reflect the size, facilities, and location. All rooms have low-cost and high-speed internet, with both fixed and wireless modes of connection, and IT support is available on-site.

The majority of our accommodation is arranged in three traditional 'courts'. The oldest dates from the 1880s and our newest addition was completed in 2009. There are also a number of large Victorian houses around the site converted into student accommodation. The majority of our accommodation has been refurbished over recent years and two-thirds of our rooms now include en-suite facilities.

Because you only pay rent for the time you're in residence (usually around 30 weeks), annual costs are strikingly low when compared to Cambridge market rates or other universities. Room rents include all bills and maintenance charges (maintenance is carried out by on-site College staff). Our students don't have to worry about finding accommodation from year to year. They can, instead, concentrate on success in their studies.



Cripps Court



Ann's Court



Students only have to pay for 30 weeks per year

We guarantee all undergraduates accommodation for the three or four years of their course. They only have to pay for 30 weeks of term per year unless they choose to stay longer.



Everyone has their own room

There are over 400 undergraduate rooms available in College, two-thirds of which are en-suite. Freshers are together in Cripps Court, where all rooms are en-suite.



Everyone lives in one location

All the College's staircases and houses in which undergraduates live are on a single site.

Facilities at Selwyn

Our new library opened in 2021. It is a magnificent resource for quiet study arranged over two floors. The library has several study rooms for group work. Around the College there are a wide range of other learning spaces, including supervision rooms, seminar rooms, and a brand new auditorium. Many students also find the recently refurbished café-bar to be an additional, vibrant working space, as well as a place to relax and socialise at any time of day.



Café-Bar

Canteen



“It’s a wonderful world to be a part of. Cambridge has modernised but it is still the same incredible University you dream of.”

Georgina

Dining in the Hall



With all undergraduates living on the main site, the dining hall forms a centre of our community. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner are served every day on a cafeteria basis. Twice a week we have ‘formal hall’ – an opportunity to have a three-course dinner served at the table. To keep them special, they are one of the few occasions when students and Fellows wear academic gowns. They are very popular with those students who choose to attend, but are not compulsory. They are often used as occasions to celebrate a birthday, to invite friends from other Colleges, or to host visitors from outside Cambridge.



Library:

Selwyn’s Bartlam Library opened in 2021 and has plenty of space for student working spread across two light and airy floors.



Café-Bar:

We refurbished our bar in 2019 – it’s a comfortable and modern space for working and socialising that is open from lunchtime until late.



JCR:

All undergraduates have access to the Junior Combination Room where they can play games, watch TV, or spend time with friends.




All undergraduates are members of the Junior Combination Room (JCR) – Selwyn’s student union. The JCR has its own space including a meeting room, a games room, a TV room with film and gaming facilities, and a computer room. It runs academic and social events and also provides welfare services. JCR representatives sit on College committees, giving students a direct voice in the College. The JCR therefore plays a crucial role in maintaining Selwyn’s cohesive academic community.



On-site gym



 Selwyn has recently invested heavily in new facilities such as the library, auditorium, gym, café-bar, and cafeteria, as well as in student accommodation and teaching resources.



Leisure at Selwyn



Auditorium:

Selwyn's Quarry Whitehouse Auditorium opened in 2021 and is a large and versatile space.



Gym:

The College gym is purpose-built and sits immediately behind our Cripps Court accommodation.



Sports Ground:

The College sports ground is just a short cycle ride away, accessible via Fulbrooke Road. It is shared with King's College and hosts training and matches for various sports all year round.



The new auditorium hosts a range of student-run concerts, productions, and talks.

Selwyn's ethos is that academic work forms the core of everyone's experience. Nonetheless, Selwyn students still find time to enjoy a great diversity of extracurricular activities.

There are both College- and University-level clubs and societies. Selwyn has its own teams in many sports, where the emphasis is on representing the College and having fun; you don't have to be a top-rate player, or indeed a player with any experience, to join a team. Those with more serious sporting ambitions, or interest in a less common sport, find it fulfilling to get involved in University-level sports clubs alongside students from other Colleges. Selwyn has a free on-site gym, and our sports ground is a short cycle ride away from the main College site. The University's sports centre is also just a short cycle ride away.

Selwyn's musical life is also rich, and many students join the College's music society. The College has instrumental groups that cover everything from chamber music to jazz, as well as a variety of bands which come and go as the student population changes. The chapel choir has a professional director and sings services three times per week. The choir also gives concert performances, makes recordings, and goes on UK and international tours.

The College's dramatic society meanwhile puts on a range of productions that have included material written by Selwyn students themselves. Summer productions in the gardens, especially of Shakespeare plays, are both traditional and popular.



Selwyn has provided me with countless opportunities to get involved, try new things, and improve my skills so that I can reach my potential."

Emily

Life after Selwyn

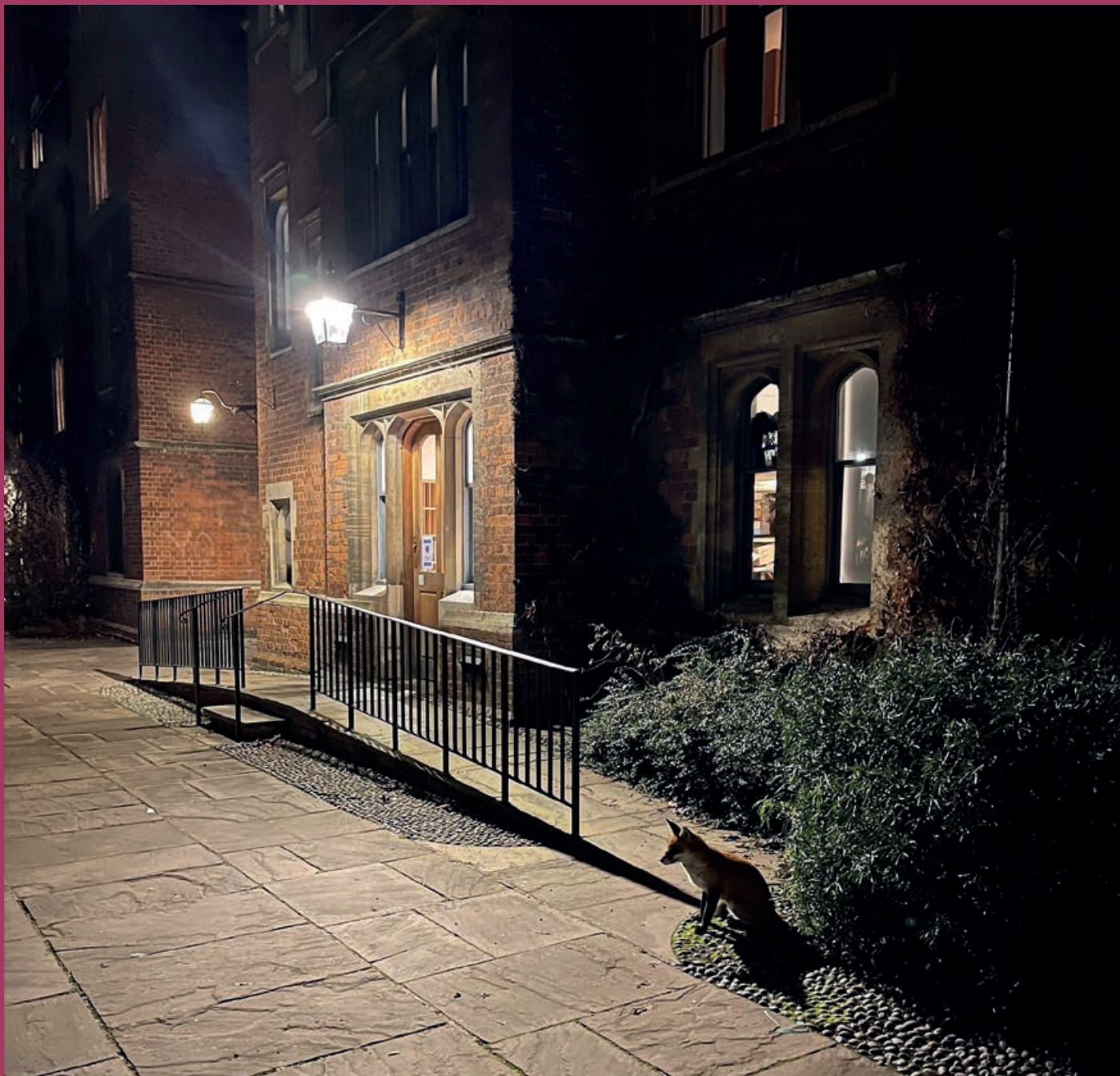
Selwyn prides itself on enabling students from all backgrounds to exceed their own expectations. Our graduates go on to achieve remarkable things that touch and transform lives all over the world. Selwyn students have developed illustrious careers in academia, publishing, the arts, politics, economics, sciences, industry, and many other fields. They keep in touch with us, and we enjoy our ongoing relationship with them – former students always remain members of the College.

If you'd like to come and find out more about Selwyn's welcoming and supportive atmosphere for yourself, we'd be delighted to see you at one of our open days, details of which can be found on our website. In addition, prospective applicants are always welcome to walk around the College. If you have questions about any aspect of studying at Selwyn or about our admissions process, please don't hesitate to contact us – we're always pleased to hear from people who are thinking of applying.



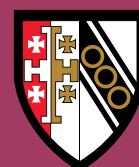
Selwyn fosters an academic culture where loving your work is encouraged and strong grades follow.





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