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Access Issues

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Location, Services and Transport

Location
Grange Road. A 15–20 minute walk to the city centre, Downing Site and New Museums Site. Five minutes to Sidgwick Site and the University Library.

Traffic
Grange Road can be very busy with car and bicycle traffic. Pavements are generally wide and level, but there are few safe crossing places. Sidgwick Avenue can also get busy in rush hour. The quietest way to walk to town is via West Road.

Services and shops
City centre. There is a pub, Co-op store, butcher, grocer and chemist in nearby Newnham.
Parking
Parking available outside main entrance, and also near library. Usually no problems parking, but a call to the porters will guarantee you a space. Long term parking permit on arrangement.

Other transport options
Uni 4 bus stop in Grange Road and West Road.

General Information
380 undergraduate and 250 postgraduates. For men and women. Selwyn has invested heavily in building work in the last few years, and has substantially improved disabled access to the whole College. The College has a pragmatic approach, and is happy to make further individual adaptations as required. Please discuss your individual needs well in advance with the College, and give feedback where necessary.

Smoking
No smoking in public rooms, bar or communal areas. Smoking only allowed in student rooms.

Medical facilities
Nurse holds a surgery 9.30–11.30am Monday to Friday and 10–11am Saturday during full term (tel. 01223 335898).

Emergency procedures
Advise Porters’ Lodge if you will need help evacuating in an emergency as a personal emergency evacuation policy will be developed. Fire doors and detection equipment are in place in all buildings.

Accommodation and Catering
Wheelchair-accessible rooms
Several rooms are accessible for wheelchairs, some with adapted en suite facilities and one with an adapted kitchen. Discuss your needs in advance, as further adaptations can often be made. Some rooms have been adapted for visual and hearing impairments.

Other rooms
Various staircases and rooms have ground floor or lift access, and many are en suite.
There is one bath in the new Ann’s Court building, which is not part of
an en suite room on the ground floor. There are also baths on B staircase but they are on the first floor and above

**Live-in assistants and assistance dogs**
Accommodating an assistant would be difficult, but discuss the possibility in advance. A dog has been accommodated in the past.

**Early induction and vacation stays**
Early induction possible, arranged on an individual basis. Staying over vacation is subject to tutorial approval, at usual room rates, although you may be asked to change rooms.

**Catering arrangements**
Fixed charge for cafeteria, which offers all meals on a card-based system. Regular formal halls. Kitchens are small, and not suitable for self-catering. One small adapted kitchen near adapted room.

**Special diets**
Catering staff are very flexible and will accommodate most special diets with advance notice. Halal can be catered for, and speak to Executive Head Chef if you require kosher meals, special diets or have any concerns about allergies.

**Physical Access**

**College grounds in general**
Access around College grounds is generally very good, due to extensive building work and alterations over the past few years. Level access at all entrances, and level or ramped access to all areas. Mostly fairly even slabbed paving.

**College buildings in general**
Most buildings and public rooms accessible as a result of recent adaptations. Steps have handrails. Temporary ramps can be provided if necessary. Some keypad security.

**Bar**
Level access through two sets of double doors. Ramped inside. Spacious, moveable chairs and tables and some sofas. Low bar counter. Disabled toilet nearby.

**Cafeteria**
Accessible via large lift from nearby corridor. Level, spacious, with helpful staff. Next to Dining Hall.
Chapel
Ramped access. Level inside. Fixed pews, some at ground level. Room for a wheelchair, but not if you like to be discreet.

College Offices
In modern building, accessible via large modern lift. Heavy fire doors. Wide corridors and doors. Disabled toilet.

Common rooms
JCR has lift access and accessible toilet. MCR is in Cripps Court, over Grange Road. Level access through gate with key. Disabled toilet nearby.

Computer facilities
Computer Room adjacent to the JCR, access via lift. All rooms are networked, including in nearby hostels.

Dining Hall
Accessible via large lift from nearby corridor. Main entrance is up flight of stone steps, with handrail. Smooth and spacious inside, with moveable chairs.

Fellows' areas
SCR accessible via nearby corridor.

Gardens
Level access to gardens, avoiding steps down from Old Court. Mostly gravel paths and lawn. Generally level. Some benches.

Laundry
One step to main laundry in the Kitchen Yard, with keypad security. Smaller ramped entry laundry adjacent to 40 Grange Road. Level access to laundry in Cripps Court.

Library
Level access through key-locked door. Spacious, with good sized workspaces. No access to upper floor, but staff will fetch books. Graduate invigilators on duty until midnight.

Porters' Lodge and post room
Ramped access via side entrance.

Sport facilities
There is a College Gym on the ground floor with a disabled toilet. Induction sessions are arranged through the Health and Safety Officer.
Sports fields on Barton Road. Pavilion has steps.

**Toilets**
Various disabled toilets around College site, including near the Bar on B Staircase and in the Chadwick corridor, near Hall, and in Cripps Court, near the MCR on M Staircase. Adapted rooms all have adapted bathroom facilities.

**Other**
- Chadwick, Borradaile, Lyttelton, Walters and Diamond meeting and teaching rooms all accessible via ramp or lift.
- One music practice room up flight of stairs. Another is on the ground floor of Cripps Court and is easily accessible.

**Visual Impairments**

**Assistance dogs**
Assistance dogs have been accommodated in the past. Discuss in advance.

**Computer facilities**
Special hardware or software for visually impaired users could be acquired if necessary.

**Large print, Braille and audio**
Large print letters and information on request.

**Library and magnification equipment**
No special facilities for text enlargement. Can be acquired if necessary.

**Signs and wayfinding**
Clear black and white signs on all public buildings. Wayfinding not generally a problem.

**Other**
- One student room adapted for visual impairments, with fluorescent lights and switches.
- Outside steps tend not to have markings, but do have contrasting handrails.
- Lighting around College and in most public areas generally good.

**Hearing Impairments**

**Induction loops**
Induction loops in Library, Main Hall, Porters' Lodge, Bursary, Tutorial
Office, Bursar’s Office, and Chadwick, Lyttelton, Walters and Diamond meeting rooms. Portable loop system available.

Alarms
Flashing alarms fitted in three student rooms and vibrating pillows are available on request.

Other
▪ Three rooms have been adapted for hearing impaired students.
▪ Generally quiet and peaceful around College and in public areas.

Specific Learning Difficulties and Mental Health Issues
Arrangements for students with Specific Learning Difficulties are on an individual basis, in conjunction with the Disability Resource Centre. Discuss your needs with your Tutor.

Planned Access Improvements
Many access improvements have taken place over last few years, so future adaptations will be made according to individual need.

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