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Location, Services and Transport

Selwyn is located on Grange Road, a 15–20 minute walk to the city centre, Downing Site and New Museums Site. It is adjacent to Sidgwick Site and five minutes from the University Library.

Traffic

Grange Road can be very busy with car and bicycle traffic. Pavements are generally wide and level, but crossing can be an issue. There is no need to cross any roads from the main College site to access Sidgwick Site facilities. Sidgwick Avenue can also get busy in rush hour.

Services and shops

City centre. There is a pub, Co-op store, butcher, grocer and chemist and Post Office in nearby Newnham.

Parking

Usually no problems parking, but a call to the Porters' Lodge will guarantee you a space. Long term parking permit on arrangement.

Other transport options

Universal bus stop in Grange Road and West Road connects West Cambridge sites, the city centre, railway station and Addenbrooke's Hospital.

General Information

The College has around 380 undergraduate and 250 postgraduate students. 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

Selwyn operates a strict no smoking policy in all areas.

Medical facilities

The Nurse holds regular surgery hours Monday to Friday and on Saturday during full term (tel. 01223 335898).

Emergency procedures

Please advise the Porters' Lodge if you will need help evacuating in an emergency so that a personal emergency evacuation plan 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. It 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

Accommodating an assistant is possible if suitable accommodation is available. Please discuss the possibility well in advance.

Early induction and vacation stays

Early induction is possible, arranged on an individual basis. Staying over vacations is also possible, subject to tutorial approval, at the usual room rates. Depending on your circumstances and the room occupied, you might be asked to change rooms. It is worth discussing this possibility in advance.

Catering arrangements

The cafeteria / servery offers all meals on a card-based system. In addition, there are regular formal halls which are waiter served dinners for which tickets have to be pre-booked. Kitchens on staircases are small, and not suitable for self-catering. There is one small adapted kitchen near adapted room.

Special diets

Catering staff are very flexible and will accommodate most special diets with advance notice. Contact the Executive Head Chef if you require kosher or halal 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. There is level access at all entrances, and level or ramped access to all areas.

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.

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/Servery/all-day café

Accessible via large lift from nearby corridor. Level, spacious, with helpful staff. Next to Dining Hall.

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.

Chapel

Ramped access. Level inside. Fixed pews, some at ground level. Room for a wheelchair.

College Offices

Housed in a modern building, accessible via large modern lift. Heavy fire doors. Wide corridors and doors. Accessible toilet.

Common rooms

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

Computer facilities

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

Fellows' areas

SCR and Hall accessible via Catering Department lift. Fellows' Parlour has level and ramp access as well as being adjacent to the lift through a 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 room key access. 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 court side entrance.

Sport facilities

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

Toilets

Various accessible 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 J Staircase. Adapted rooms all have adapted bathroom facilities.

Other Rooms

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

Visual Impairments

Assistance dogs

Assistance dogs have been accommodated in the past. Please 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 are routinely provided but they 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 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 made on an individual basis, in conjunction with the University's 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.