

SELWYN COLLEGE

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Location, Services and Transport

Location

Grange Road. A 15 minute walk to the City centre, Downing Site and New Museums Site. Five minutes to the 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 the Old Library. Usually no problems parking, but a call to the Porters' Lodge will guarantee you a space. Long term parking permit by arrangement.

Other transport options

Uni 4 bus stop in Grange Road and West Road provides services to the bus and train stations, NW Cambridge and Addenbrookes Hospital.

General Information

Approximately 420 undergraduate and 300 postgraduates. Selwyn has invested heavily in building work in the last decade, and has substantially improved accessible 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 or vaping in any College building and only in designated outdoor spaces.

Medical Facilities

The College Nurse works 9-5 Monday to Friday. Appointments are made by email: nurse@sel.cam.ac.uk. First aid support is available at the Porters Lodge at all times.

Emergency Procedures

Advise the Porters' Lodge if you will need help evacuating in an emergency and a Personal Emergency Evacuation Plan (PEEP) will be developed. Fire doors and detection equipment throughout all buildings.

Physical Access, Accommodation, Catering

Details regarding access for all the main College buildings and grounds areas are available in the College's Accessibility Guide, found here: <https://www.sel.cam.ac.uk/accessibility>. Access to accommodation varies by building. The Hall, Bar, Cafeteria are all accessible via lift. Further details are as follows:

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.

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.

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

The cafeteria, offers meals on a pay-as-you-go system. Regular formal halls. Kitchens are small, and not intended for self-catering. Two adapted kitchens near adapted rooms, and several low counter top kitchens for access.

Special diets and allergies

Catering staff are very flexible and will accommodate most special diets with advance notice. Halal is catered for. Food is labelled with allergen information. Formal Hall booking use pre entered allergy information for each student diner. Speak to the Head Chef if you require kosher meals, special diets, or have any concerns about allergies.

Computer Facilities

An accessible Computer Room is available in the Bartlam Library.

Sport facilities

Accessible gym on the ground floor adjacent to Cripps Court with accessible toilet. Induction sessions are arranged via the Porters' Lodge. Sports fields on Barton Road. The Pavilion has steps.

Toilets

Various accessible toilets around College site, including near the Bar, JCR, B Staircase, the Chadwick corridor near Hall in Old Court and in Cripps Court, in the Diamond and near the MCR on J Staircase. Adapted rooms all have accessible en-suite bathrooms.

Meeting, Teaching and Music Practice Rooms

The Chadwick Room, Borradaile Room, David Harrison Room, Walters Room, Arthur Lyttelton Room and the Diamond meeting and teaching rooms are all accessible, either on the ground floor, or via a ramp or lift.

One music practice room is up a flight of stairs. Another is on the ground floor of Cripps Court and is easily accessible.

Visual Impairments

Live-in assistants and assistance dogs

Accommodating an assistant would be difficult, but discuss the possibility in advance. Assistance dogs can be accommodated. 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 but could be acquired if necessary.

Signs and wayfinding

Clear black and white signs on all public buildings. Paper and online maps available. Wayfinding improvement project in progress to complete by December 2023.

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 Alarms

Induction loops are installed in the Library, Auditorium, Tutorial Office, and also the Chadwick 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 and the Tutorial Office Manager.

Planned Access Improvements

Future adaptations will be made according to individual need.

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