



Selwyn College Cambridge



Selwyn College Open Day – July 2020
Martin Pierce – Bursar



Agenda

1. What does a 'Bursar' do anyway?
2. Finances
3. Accommodation
4. Other things worth a mention
5. Q&A



Role of the Bursar

- All things **financial** – looks after the College income & expenditure.
- All things **operational** – looks after Catering, Porters, Buildings and Maintenance, Housekeeping, Gardens and Conferences.
- All things **compliance and regulatory** – looks after health and safety, fire precautions, data protection etc.



Finances

- **Tuition Fees** – difference between ‘Home’ and ‘Overseas’ students. Loans for Home students – £9,250 pa currently. Not means tested. Repayment dependent on income afterwards.
- **Living costs** – Home students can also get a maintenance loan. In 2020-21: £10,539 max (<£25k household income); £3,410 min (>£58k household income). Repaid in same way as Tuition.
- **Cambridge Bursary Scheme** – university-wide bursary scheme. £3,500 max (<£25k household income), with sliding scale to £42k household income. Selwyn also participates in an additional ‘top up’ scheme to provide further help.
- **Student support funds** – the College has additional funds available to support students through their time at the College. Includes bridging if, for example, Student Loan Company funds are received late. Student’s Tutor is the gateway to these funds.



Accommodation

- **Accommodation for all undergraduates.** Enough rooms for every undergraduate who wants one.
- **All on one site.** All rooms are in the three main courts of the College – Old Court (historic), Cripps Court (1960s, upgraded 2014) and Ann’s Court (2000s) – or nearby houses.
- **No sharing and 64% en-suite.** Freshers are all together in Cripps Court – where all rooms are en-suite.
- **Only pay for when you’re here.** You only pay for the 30 weeks of term per year. Weekly rents between £113 and £192 (2020-21) including utilities and broadband.
- **Option to stay in the vacations.** Just pay the extra rent at the same rates.



Other things worth a mention

- **Catering.** New servery, good quality food at c.£4-5 per day, vegetarian option at every meal, other dietary requirements accommodated. Hall open all day for coffees and snacks. Formals twice a week in term.
- **New Bar (2019).** Open all afternoon and evening. Coffees and snacks as well as alcoholic and soft drinks.
- **Selwyn is very central.** Next to the Sidgwick site and University Library. New West Cambridge site nearby.
- **Transport.** Getting around in Cambridge is cheap – bike and walk nearly everywhere.
- **Porters.** Porters' Lodge is open 24/7. The Porters are friendly and here to help.
- **Insurance.** Theft is rare but contents insurance is recommended.