

A photograph of a bicycle with a large, dark brown wicker basket attached to the front. The bicycle is parked against a red brick wall. The ground is covered with small, dark stones and some fallen autumn leaves. The overall tone of the image is warm and slightly muted.

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# Your Guide to Living in Cambridge

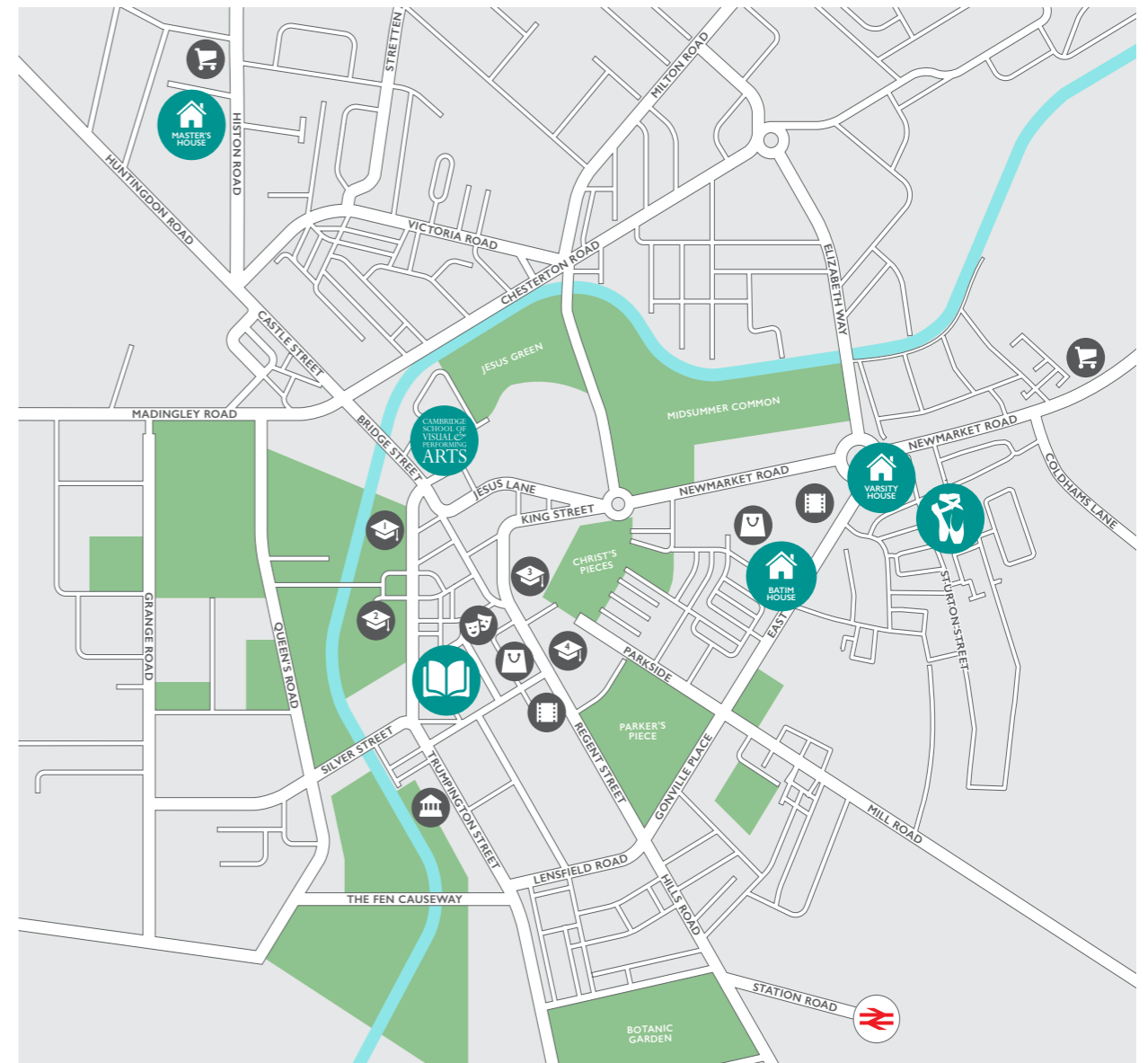
with CSVPA



# Cambridge City Centre

At CSVPA we provide student accommodation for all years of study allowing you to focus on the important things, discovering Cambridge, making friends and getting the most out of your studies! Located in the heart of Cambridge, our halls of residence are surrounded by a thriving arts and culture scene and with the added benefit of living with like-minded creative art students, you will have an abundance of stimuli to inspire your work and develop your creativity.

## CAMBRIDGE CITY CENTRE



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|  CSVPA DANCE CENTRE |  CSVPA ENGLISH LANGUAGE CENTRE |  CINEMA                  |
|  FITZWILLIAM MUSEUM |  SUPERMARKET                   |  THEATRE/CONCERT VENUE   |
|  SHOPPING CENTRE    |  TRINITY COLLEGE               |  KING'S COLLEGE          |
|  CHRIST'S COLLEGE   |  EMMANUEL COLLEGE              |  CAMBRIDGE TRAIN STATION |

Please note you have 14 days from signing and submitting the residential agreement enclosed within the offer pack to notify us of cancellations of your accommodation.



## UNDER 18s ACCOMMODATION

Any student, under the age of 18 studying at CSVPA must live in our dedicated under 18 halls at Varsity House where we focus on maintaining a safe, secure and carefully monitored environment for our younger students.

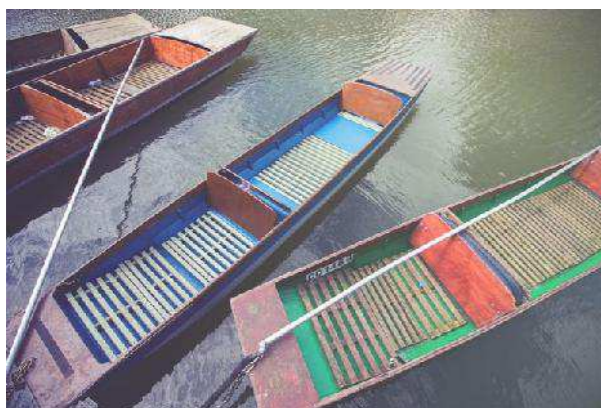
We put a strong emphasis on pastoral care at CSVPA and all under 18 boarding is managed by our highly trained team of professional house parents. Students from CSVPA staying at Varsity House will have the joint benefit of living with fellow creative arts students but also the opportunity to interact with students from our sister school at CATS Cambridge.



## OVER 18s ACCOMMODATION

For our older students, we provide a number of options and we highly recommend you stay in our halls of residence where you will benefit endlessly from the opportunity of being surrounded by other creative art students as well as the on-site dedicated welfare support.

The primary accommodation for our over 18 students is at Masters House and Batim House as well as the dedicated blocks for older students at Varsity House. Designed with your needs in mind, we aim to provide safe and secure accommodation but under more university style conditions, appropriate to our older students.



# FACILITIES AND ADDED EXTRAS

Across all our halls of residence we provide you the personal living space and everything you need to make the space feel like your own. The vast majority of our accommodation provides you with a single occupancy living space with ensuite private bathroom. Rooms are designed to give you ample storage space and a canvas to personalise with those little reminders and touches from home.



THE ROOMS ARE WELL FURNISHED WITH:  
COMFORTABLE SINGLE BED | DUVET AND PILLOWS | CURTAINS |  
BEDSIDE CABINET | DESK AND CHAIR | DESK LAMP | WARDROBE |  
PERSONAL SAFE | PIN BOARD | UNDER-BED STORAGE

Bed linen is provided for all our catered students, so unless you are staying with us on a self-catered basis all you will need to bring with you is your own towel! Our catered students also benefit from having their rooms cleaned on a regular basis as well as fresh linen provided every week. If you have opted for self-catering, your room will be serviced once a month.



Most of our accommodation is organised into clusters, where between 6 and 8 rooms in a cluster share a common kitchen/dining area, where you can prepare food, socialise with fellow students and generally relax. The kitchens provide cooking and washing up facilities, as well as fridges / freezers and other food storage areas. Most of our residences also have a central shared common room for students to come together socialise and forge lifelong friendships.

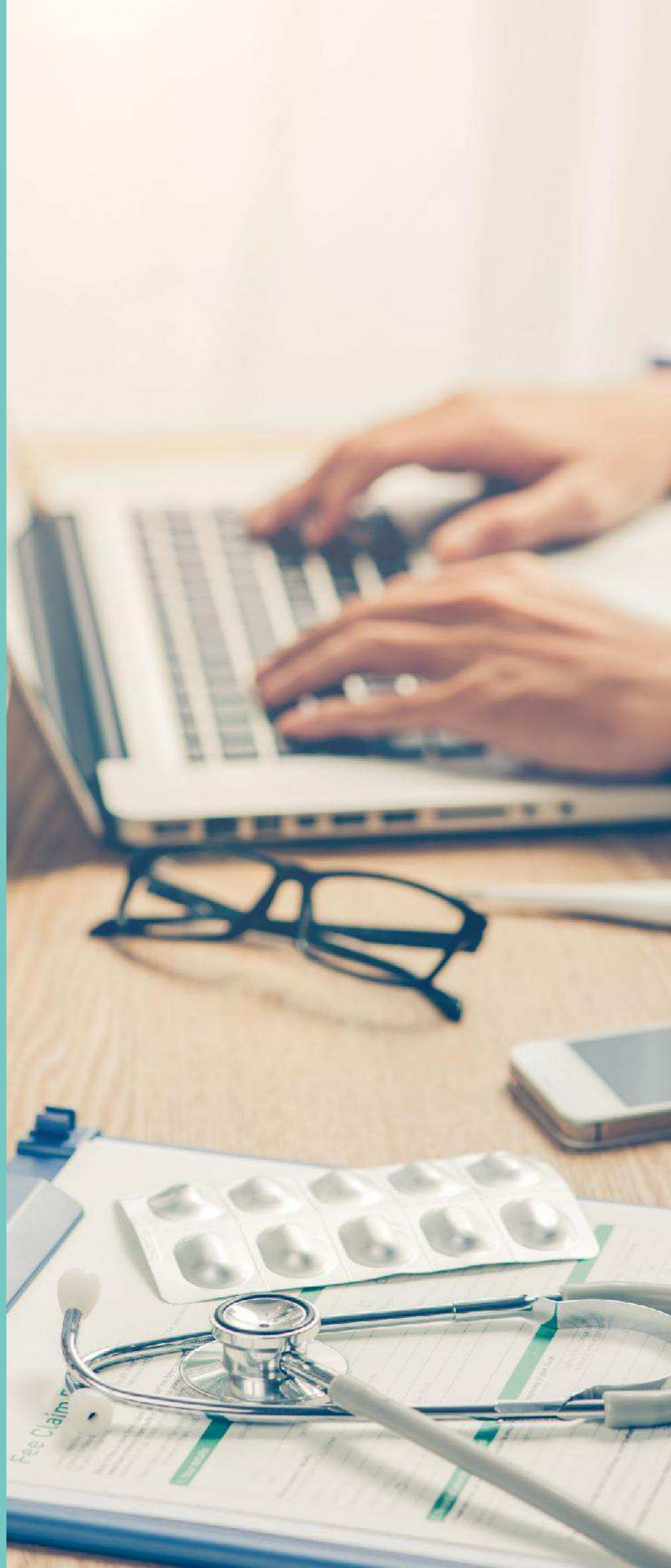


The residences all contain washing machines for you to use free of charge, and washing powder and detergent are also provided free! Free WiFi is also provided throughout.



The residences are monitored 24 hours a day to maintain security, and a 24hr hotline service is available in the event of an emergency.

Varsity House has its own medical centre managed by the college, which is open from 08:00 to 16:30 and available for students of all ages to visit, where access to a UK registered Nurse is provided. For more serious medical conditions the nurse will provide access to local doctors or hospital services as required.



## CATERING OR SELF-CATERED BASIS?

All our under 18 year olds must stay on our catered accommodation service, whereby breakfast, lunch and dinner are all provided in our central canteen at our main building at Round Church Street. We aim to provide a varied and interesting range of food to suit, as far as is possible, our broad range of nationalities.



The canteen also provides a coffee bar which serves a selection of freshly made sandwiches, confectionary, crisps, chocolates, snacks, fruit and a range of hot and cold drinks for students to purchase.

If you are over 18, then you have the choice of staying with us on a catered or self-catered basis.

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**BOREY TAUCH**



# Varsity House

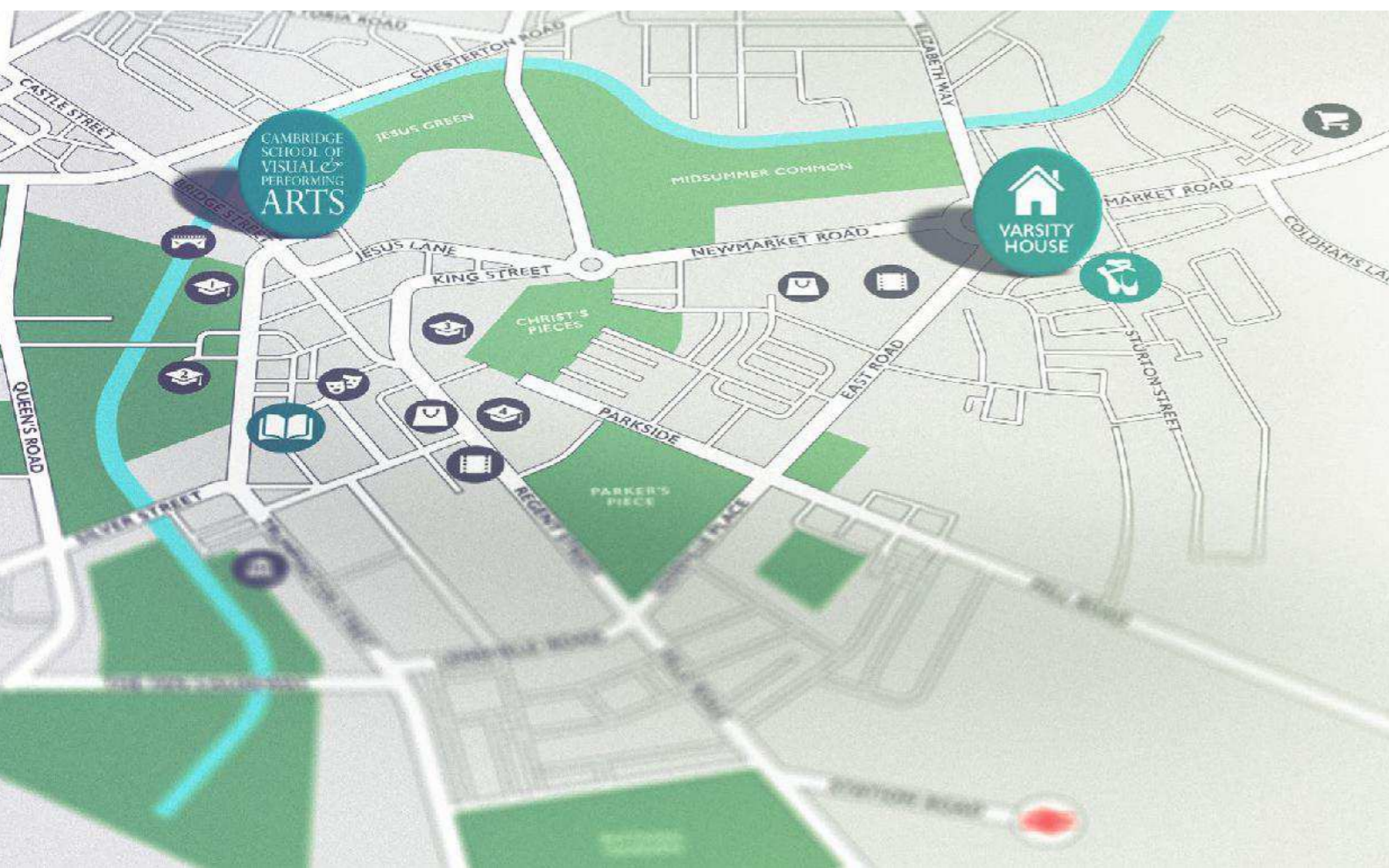


# LOCATION

Varsity House is only a 7 minute cycle ride to CSVPA on Round Church Street and the centre of Cambridge. For those students looking to take in the beautiful and inspirational setting of Cambridge, you might decide to take the short one mile walk past the stunning Midsummer Common, taking in the sights of Jesus College. For our Performing Arts students there's no excuses to be late for class, with the new CSVPA dance studios located 1 minute from the halls!

The Grafton Centre, one of three main shopping areas in Cambridge currently going through a £18.5million refurbishment, is only a 5 minute walk away and is a perfect destination for shopping, dining, grabbing a coffee with friends or for catching a movie at the 8 screen, all leather reclining seated Vue Cinema.

Fancy a stroll along the beautiful River Cam and relax with friends in one of Cambridge's stunning parks? You can be there within a 7 minute walk from your accommodation.



## TRAVEL TIME TO COLLEGE

			
20 mins	7 mins	6 mins	13 mins

Cambridge train station is only a 15 minute walk and with Central London just 45 minutes away by train, and London Stansted Airport a 20 minute commute, our location inspires many with endless opportunities on your doorstep.

# FACILITIES

The welfare of our students is our number one priority and we want to make sure you have everything you need to make Cambridge your second home. At Varsity House we offer a fully supervised hall of residence that allows you to enjoy your student experience in a safe, relaxing and friendly environment.



Providing a comprehensive support network including a team of highly experienced live-in house parents, fully staffed reception, an onsite medical centre, with access to a UK registered Nurse, our students thrive living in this family-orientated residence that's located within easy reach of CSVPA.

Each student room has a bed, wardrobe, desk and plenty of under-bed storage and draws. Our rooms are en-suite with private bathroom facilities. Free WiFi is available for students. Each hall has its own communal kitchen and lounge/dining area where students can make snacks. The courtyard offers seating and two outdoor table tennis tables, and the common room has a pool table.





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UNDER-BED STORAGE & DRAWS



DESK LAMP



PERSONAL SAFE



PIN BOARD



CURTAINS



PRIVATE ENSUITE SHOWERS



PILLOWS & DUVET PROVIDED



FRESH BED LINEN PROVIDED WEEKLY\*

## UTILITIES



UTILITY BILLS, WATER, GAS AND ELECTRICITY INCLUDED



FREE WIFI - UP TO 100MBPS



FRIDGE / FREEZERS



FULLY FITTED SHARED KITCHEN WITH DINING FACILITIES



FREE USE OF ON-SITE LAUNDRY ROOM



FREE WASHING POWDER AND DETERGENT



FREE KITCHEN CLEANING MATERIALS



24 HRS EMERGENCY HOTLINE SERVICE



LIVE IN HOUSE PARENTS



ONSITE MEDICAL CENTRE OPEN 08:00 TO 16:30



ACCESS TO A UK REGISTERED NURSE



FREE KITCHEN CLEANING SERVICE



FREE ROOM CLEANING SERVICE



ONSITE MAINTENANCE PROVISION

## OTHER



BIKE RACKS



CCTV SECURITY



OUTDOOR TABLE TENNIS / BASKETBALL



OUTSIDE SEATING AREA



PIN CODE OR SWIPE ENTRY TO ACCOMMODATION

\*catered accommodation only

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“ YOU HAVE PEOPLE FROM ALL DIFFERENT CULTURES AND THEY ARE BRINGING THAT INTO THEIR ART AND YOU LEARN SO MUCH FROM EACH OTHER. ”

**GALIENA MITCHELL-DANN**





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Batim  
House

# LOCATION

Perfectly located, Batim House is only a 7 minute cycle ride to CSVPA on Round Church Street. For those students looking to take in the beautiful and inspirational setting of Cambridge, you might decide to take the short one mile walk past the stunning Midsummer Common, taking in the sights of Jesus College. For our Performing Arts students there's no excuses to be late for class, with the new CSVPA dance studios located a 5 minute walk from the halls!

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Cambridge train station is only a 20 minute walk and with Central London just 45 minutes away by train, and London Stansted Airport a 20 minute commute, our location inspires many with endless opportunities on your doorstep.



## TRAVEL TIME TO COLLEGE



16 mins



6 mins



5 mins



12 mins

Batim House has a total of 29 rooms all single en-suite. The residence has three fully fitted kitchens, laundry facilities and two large furnished common rooms contained within the three storey building. This is a new residence which has been completely refurbished. The residence has a warden who lives on site and will be able to assist you and help you settle in.

# FACILITIES

The welfare of our students is our number one priority and we want to make sure you have everything you need to make Cambridge your second home. A nurse and 24 hour staffed reception can be found at Varsity House, just a short 5 minute walk away, which allows you to enjoy your student experience in a safe, relaxing and friendly environment.



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Each student room has a bed, wardrobe, desk, shelving and plenty of under-bed storage and draws. Our rooms are en-suite with private bathroom facilities. Free WiFi is available for students. Each hall has its own communal kitchen and lounge/dining area where students can make snacks.





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CCTV SECURITY



OUTDOOR BASKETBALL



BBQ AREA



OUTSIDE SEATING AREA



PIN CODE OR SWIPE ENTRY TO ACCOMMODATION

\*catered accommodation only

# Master's House

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# LOCATION


You could not ask for a more picturesque journey to College every morning. Master's House is only an 8 minute cycle ride from CSVPA but your journey will take you over the River Cam and through Jesus Green, one of the most beautiful parks in Cambridge where you will find six tennis courts, band concerts on a summer Sunday afternoon, an outdoor swimming pool and BBQ area.



## TRAVEL TIME TO COLLEGE

  
20 mins

  
8 mins

  
9 mins

  
14 mins

It's the perfect social space where students gather together to take in the inspirational sights and sounds of Cambridge. Alternatively if you want to catch a bus you can be door-to-door in 14 minutes. Being a creative arts student in Cambridge and having your accommodation and College so close to each other allows you to get the most out of your time here. Whether that is giving you the opportunity to spend more time in the studios working or time to explore Cambridge and hang out with your friends.



Cambridge is hard to beat for something amazing to see and do. From cinemas and theatres showing a range of art house, independent, foreign and commercial films, to museums, concert venues, and a wonderful choice of shopping and nightlife in what is a vibrant cosmopolitan city.

# FACILITIES

For our older students, life in CSVPA's halls of residence is an enriching experience. With just under 80 bedrooms, Master's offers an intimate social space for a group of like-minded creative individuals which helps to create a dynamic community, bringing opportunities, global contacts and lifelong friends.




With a dedicated welfare and accommodation support team, we go out of our way to make sure you have the best possible university experience in a safe and secure environment.


Each student room has a bed, wardrobe, desk and plenty of under-bed storage and draws. Our rooms are en-suite with private bathroom facilities. Free wireless access is available 24h hours a day throughout the building. The communal kitchens have a dining area, lockable fridges, generous worktops and are cleaned once a week.








BEDROOM

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SINGLE BED
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BEDSIDE CABINET
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DESK WITH DRAWERS
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24 HRS EMERGENCY HOTLINE SERVICE
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ACCESS TO A UK REGISTERED NURSE
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FREE KITCHEN CLEANING SERVICE
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FREE ROOM CLEANING SERVICE
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ONSITE MAINTENANCE PROVISION

OTHER

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BIKE RACKS
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CCTV SECURITY
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BBQ AREA
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OUTSIDE SEATING AREA
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PIN CODE OR SWIPE ENTRY TO ACCOMMODATION

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# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## WHAT WILL MY ROOM BE LIKE?

All our rooms have single beds and an ensuite bathroom with toilet, sink and shower. The rooms have a wardrobe, desk and desk chair, shelving unit above the desk and additional storage either under the beds or bedside cabinets. Our rooms average 10-12 square meters in size. They are equipped with a desk lamp or reading light and every room has its own safe.

## WHEN WILL I KNOW WHERE I WILL BE LIVING?

If you applied for halls of residence before 1st August, you will be told which building you have been assigned to before 25th August. We will not be able to confirm your room number until you arrive at college. Upon arrival, you will be shown to your room by a member of the boarding staff.

If your application was received after 1st August, we will try our best to inform you as soon as your accommodation is confirmed and before you leave for the UK.

## CAN I HAVE THINGS DELIVERED IN ADVANCE?

We would recommend waiting until you arrive before ordering anything you might want in your room. The address for your residence will be included when we let you know which building you will be living in.

## WHEN DO I NEED TO PAY FOR MY ACCOMMODATION?

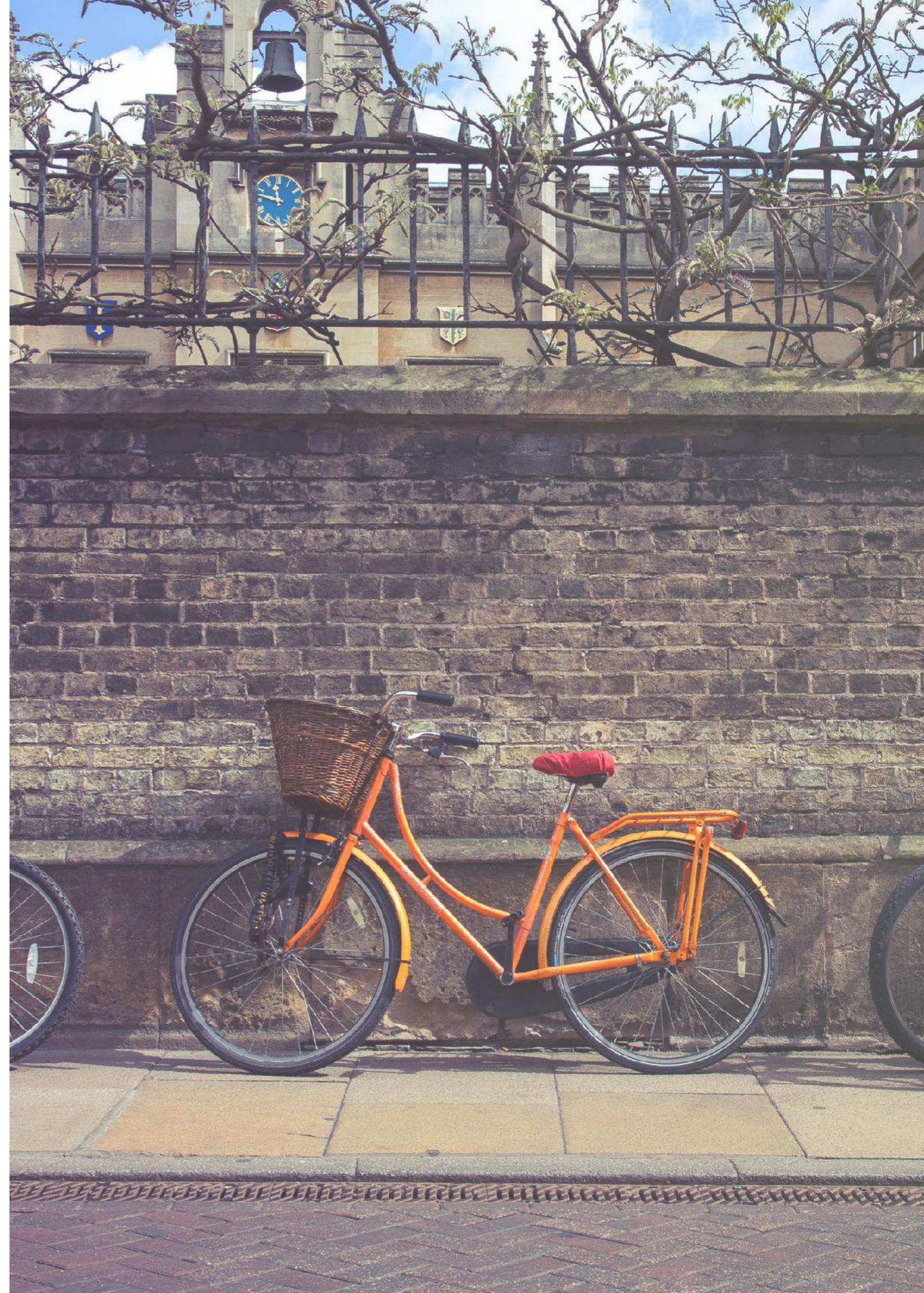
Once you have paid your deposit and returned your signed registration forms, your room will be secured and guaranteed for you. Our Finance Team will send you an invoice covering both the tuition and accommodation fees for the year. The invoice will tell you when your fees are due.

## DO I HAVE TO LIVE IN A CSVPA RESIDENCE?

If you are under 18 years of age then yes you will need to stay within our residences. If you are over 18 then yes, we would like to have you stay with us, but you do not have to. If you wish to live elsewhere then you will need to submit an Independent Accommodation request via admissions so we have the details of where you are living on file. You will need to have accommodation arranged prior to your arrival in the UK.

## IF I WANT TO LIVE IN A DIFFERENT RESIDENCE, CAN I CHANGE?

We have a number of residences in Cambridge and while we will do our best to meet any requests, we do try to make sure that students are allocated the residence that best suits their age, gender and course option. If you do want to request a change, we will only be able to do that after the start of term.



### **WHAT IS THE RESIDENTIAL AGREEMENT?**

This forms part of the offer pack you are sent during your enrolment process. By signing the document along with the terms and conditions you are agreeing to stay within our accommodation for the first year of your course with us.

- If you decide to move out during that year you will not be refunded any accommodation fees.
- It also means you agree to all the terms in the document and also the “House Rules” attached with the agreement.

### ***OUR ADVICE***

You will need to sign this kind of agreement in any higher education institution in the UK. They are legal contracts and you should take the time to read it and ask any questions you may have before you sign anything.

### **CAN I CANCEL MY ACCOMMODATION BEFORE ARRIVAL?**

Yes. Once we have received your deposit confirming your place you have 14 days to change your mind without any penalty fees.

If you are over 18 and selected our accommodation during the application process, but change your mind, you must immediately inform our Admissions Team and complete the independent accommodation application form which will be sent out to you. Your accommodation will be withdrawn without penalty as long as it is within two weeks of the start of term. After that time you will be bound to the terms of our terms and conditions and will be liable to cancellation fees.

### **CAN I CANCEL MY ACCOMMODATION ONCE I HAVE ARRIVED?**

Once you have arrived and taken up our accommodation, it is expected you will remain in our halls of residence for the rest of the year. If you decide to leave the accommodation, because you would like to live somewhere else, you will need to firstly have this approved by the Rector and you will not be entitled to a full or partial refund on your accommodation fees.

### ***OUR ADVICE***

We would strongly advise you not to sign any agreements or pay deposits until you have your request approved by the Rector. You will be liable for accommodation fees under the terms of the Residential Agreement so you don't want to be paying twice.

### **CAN I MOVE OUT OF THE ACCOMMODATION AT ANY TIME?**

Once you have arrived and taken up our accommodation, it is expected you will remain in our halls of residence for the rest of the year. If you decide to leave the accommodation, because you would like to live somewhere else, you will need to firstly have this approved by the Rector and you will not be entitled to a full or partial refund on your accommodation fees.

### **IF I AM NOT HAPPY WITH MY ACCOMMODATION WHEN I ARRIVE, WHO DO I SEE?**

We have staff in all of our residences to help you and talk to about any issues you may have, please speak to them as they are there to help you. If the problem cannot be resolved then you can contact the College Accommodation Manager, Chris Wilson by email [chrwilson@ceg-uk.com](mailto:chrwilson@ceg-uk.com) or at one of his regular accommodation surgeries in College.

### **CAN I CHANGE MY CATERING PACKAGE?**

Yes you can, but you need to give us a terms notice. Please liaise with our Student Services Team in College for further guidance.

### **LIVING AS A STUDENT IN THE UK**

One of the best part of studying in the UK is meeting new people from all over the World.

Making new friends and living with people from very different cultures to yours can take some getting used to. Most student accommodation in the UK has shared kitchens, so be prepared for many different ways of cooking and cleaning which may be different to your own. It is down to everyone to keep the kitchen clean and tidy up after themselves.

You can keep your room as messy as you want! But, if you want it cleaned you will need to make sure the floor is clear of mess and rubbish is put in the bin to be emptied. If you leave your room very dirty and with any damage you will be charged additional fees.

All student accommodation in the UK is NON-SMOKING. You will be charged if you are found to have been smoking in your room or have tried to stop the smoke alarm in your room.

The use of recreational drugs is illegal in the UK and against college rules. Again if we have cause to suspect you are using this, you will be subject to college disciplinary processes and possible exclusion from both the college and the accommodation.

### **TOP TIPS**

Save the address and telephone number of your residence in ALL your phones. It is very helpful to show people if you get lost when you first arrive and are new to the area.

Your rooms have a good amount of storage and we also have space outside your room in the building to store your suitcases. All our residences have free laundry facilities so think about how much you actually need to bring with you for each term or semester. Try to only pack what you need.

Cooking equipment is not permitted in your rooms, please do not bring it with you.

