



# SIDNEY SUSSEX COLLEGE

## DINING



SIDNEYSUSSEX  
— CONFERENCES —



# Welcome to Sidney Sussex College Conferences & Events

Sidney Sussex is conveniently located at the very heart of historic Cambridge, a medieval city renowned throughout the world for its beauty, history and academic tradition. We are able to host a variety of events in our beautiful grounds at Sidney Sussex College, from private dining to weddings and from small meetings to large conferences.

## Beautiful surroundings

The College buildings and gardens are one of Cambridge's best kept secrets.

## Catering

Our Chefs and Service Staff have won the Cambridge College Catering Competition on multiple occasions, and bring this expertise to catering for conferences and events.

## Location

We are centrally located on Sidney Street, surrounded by the City's shops, bars and restaurants and a quick walk away from the University's Colleges and lecture halls.

## Experience

With over 15 years' experience in organising events, from private dinners and weddings to large-scale residential conferences, we have the knowledge required to ensure that your event is run efficiently.

## Reputation

Sidney Sussex College is renowned throughout the University as being a friendly and close-knit community. This same approachability carries forward into our conferences and events, providing you with a positive and memorable experience.



**Sidney Sussex College was founded in 1596** on the site of a dissolved Franciscan friary, under the will of Lady Frances Sidney, Countess of Sussex. The many distinguished alumni of the College include Oliver Cromwell, five Nobel Prize winners and, reputedly, Sherlock Holmes.

The College is a well-kept secret: hidden behind our rather self-effacing wall of Roman cement, visitors are surprised to find our Elizabethan brickwork, the charming Cloister Court, an exquisite Rococo Hall and our beautiful ancient gardens.

During term time, it is home to around 450 students and 75 Fellows. The historic courts, function rooms and dining hall of the College also provide a truly wonderful setting for a range of events. Meetings, dinners and other non-residential functions, whether single- or multi-day can be held throughout the year. Residential conferences & weddings can be held in College outside the University terms.

**Sidney Sussex College has been a premier conference venue for over 15 years.**

The College offers a wide range of meeting rooms and accommodation. The College's beautiful buildings and gardens occupy a central location within easy walking distance of Cambridge's main tourist attractions and University buildings.

Our dedicated Conference Team have planned countless meetings, dinners, weddings and conferences. Their friendly approach and planning expertise will ensure that your event runs without a hitch.



## Historic Setting & Modern Facilities





Described as a palace rather than a College by an early visitor, the college provides an atmospheric setting for a range of special events.

The College has an excellent reputation for taking care of its visitors and for providing award winning cuisine served in beautiful, traditional rooms.

There are several dining rooms available that can cater for anything from intimate dinners for 10 to grand banquets for 127.



# Dining at Sidney

is an experience to remember.



Dining Room	Seated Capacity
College Gardens (marquee)	100—150
College Hall	112
College Hall & Balcony	127
Knox-Shaw	35
Old Library	32
Old Parlour	15
William Mong Hall	60

Minimum numbers for private lunches and dinners are 10 guests. Our College Hall can seat a maximum of 127 guests if the balcony is used. In some circumstances a marquee can be erected in the gardens to accommodate higher numbers.





The **College Hall** is an Elizabethan building remodelled by the Georgian architect Sir James Burrough.

It is suitable for fine dining dinners and wedding breakfasts for up to 127 guests when the **balcony**, High Table and all three sprigs are used.



The **Old Parlour** is located in Hall Court, next to the College Hall. It is suitable for smaller, more intimate dinners for up to 15 guests around a single table.



The **Old Library** is a wood-panelled room with medieval stained glass windows.

It provides a more intimate setting than the College Hall for dinners, or can be used for buffets, drinks receptions and refreshments.



Tables can be arranged to seat 20 in a boardroom layout, 22 around a T-shaped table or 32 around a horseshoe-shaped table.



The **Knox-Shaw Room** is located in Cloister Court. This room is suitable for hot or cold buffets for up to 35. It can also be used to host drinks receptions with canapés or meetings with light snacks.



The beautiful **College gardens** make an excellent setting for events for up to 250 people. **Cloister Court Gardens** can be used for a range of dining options from small garden parties to large events requiring marquees. Situated at the rear of Cloister Court, **Fellows Lawn** is a large flat area which is well suited to marquees. **Tennis Court Garden** is a smaller, enclosed garden in the corner of College and is a popular venue for BBQs and garden parties.



The modern **William Mong Hall** can cater for up to 60 diners. The foyer area and garden outside the hall can be used to accommodate refreshments or a bar.

“Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the meal, which was absolutely delicious - we could not have wished for better. It was a treat!” - Lunch Guest



The food served at the College is of an extremely high quality and reflects the achievements of our Chefs and Service Staff.

The College Kitchens, with a team of expert chefs and front-of-house staff, are widely regarded as among the best in Cambridge and have won the University Culinary Competition on numerous occasions. Furthermore, our Head Chef recently won a gold medal at the national Hotelympia event in London after being named the University Caterers Organisation Chef of the Year.

All food and wine should be pre-ordered. Our range of menus offer something for every type of function: Sidney offers canapés, refreshments, finger & fork buffets alongside the exquisite fine dining menus. Unfortunately the College does not allow clients to supply their own food, drink or alcohol or to contract external caterers.

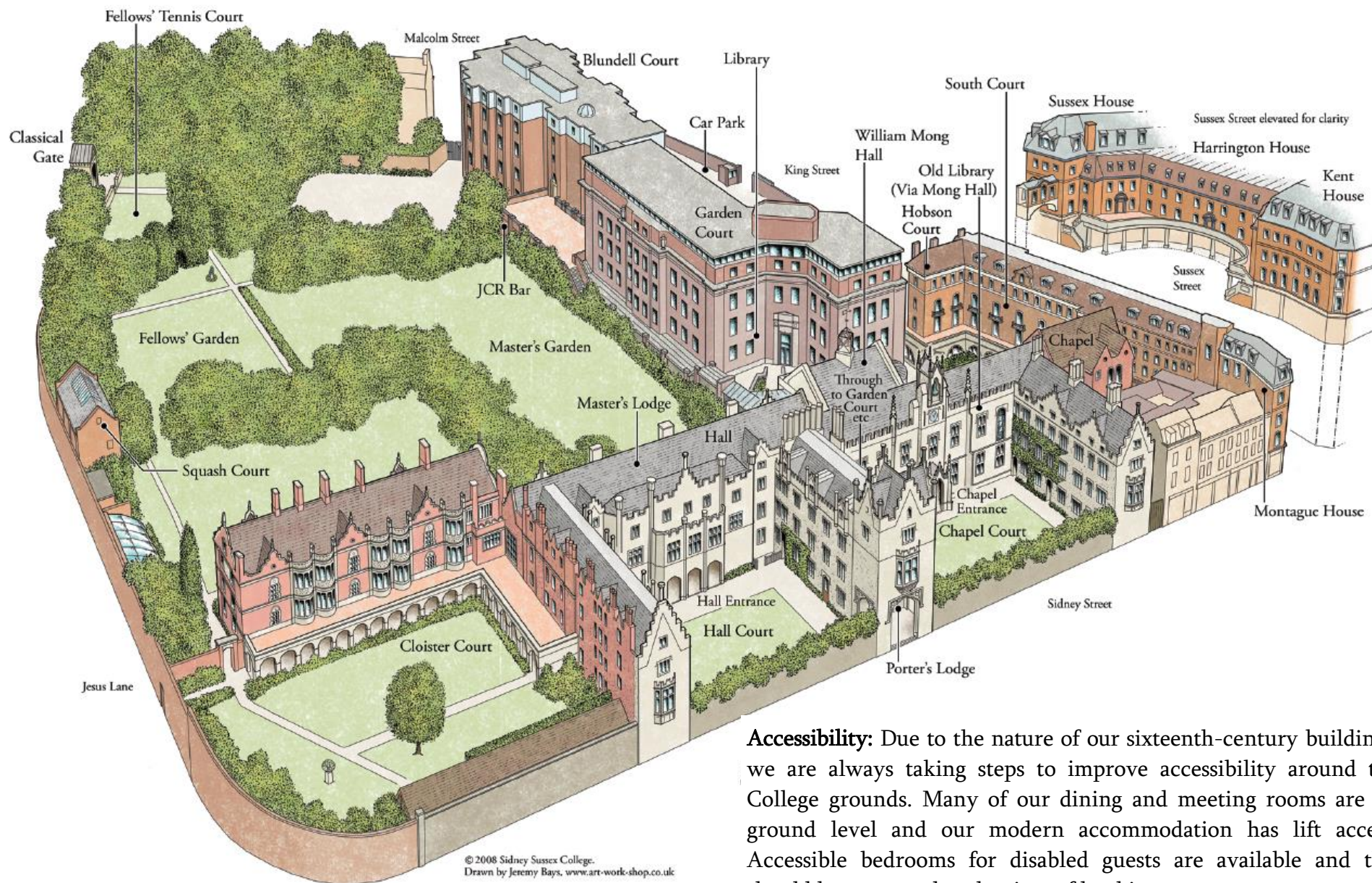


Bookings in the College Hall are for two hours for a three-course meal with coffee, or two and a half hours for a four course meal with coffee. Arrangements for other rooms must be discussed with the Conference Office.

To help you plan your event, our menus, wine list and booking form can be downloaded from our website:  
[www.sid.cam.ac.uk/confer](http://www.sid.cam.ac.uk/confer)







**Accessibility:** Due to the nature of our sixteenth-century buildings, we are always taking steps to improve accessibility around the College grounds. Many of our dining and meeting rooms are on ground level and our modern accommodation has lift access. Accessible bedrooms for disabled guests are available and this should be requested at the time of booking.



# Directions

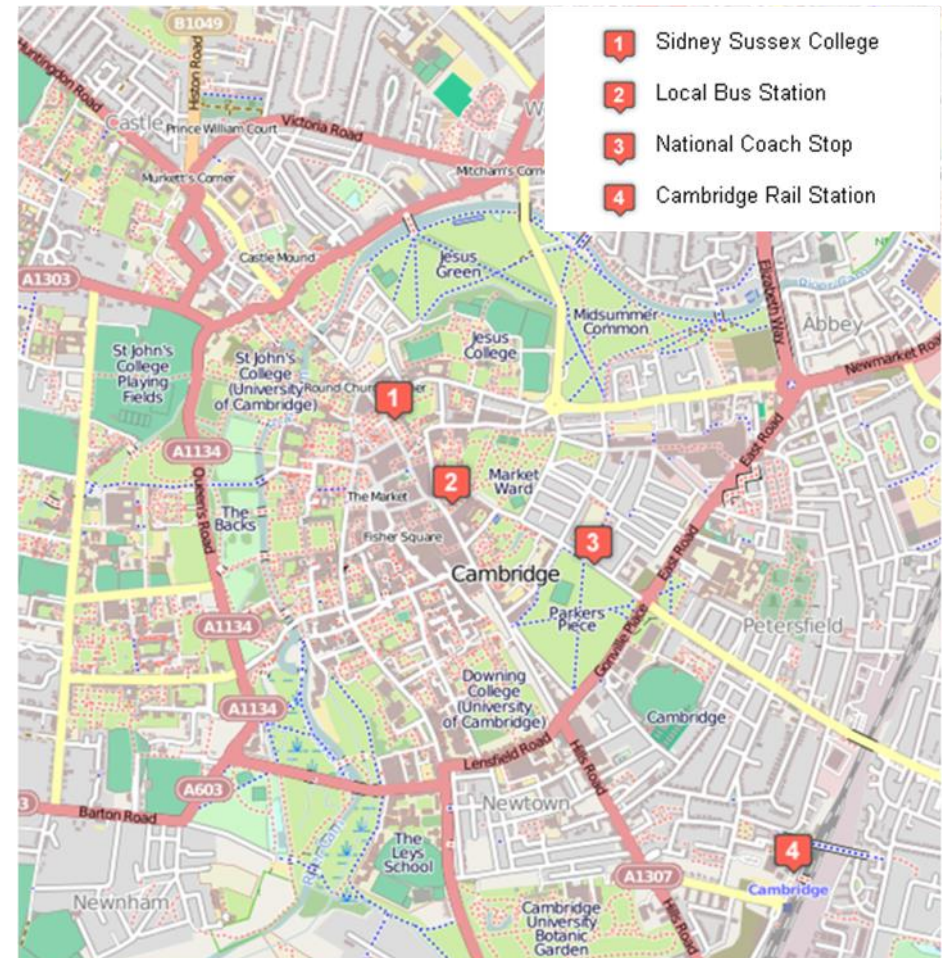
The college is located at the heart of the city centre. Should you ask the way, it is worth remembering that the college is opposite Sainsbury's - not everyone knows where the college is, but nearly everyone knows where Sainsbury's is!

**By Rail:** Sidney is a twenty-minute walk from Cambridge railway station - follow Station Road, Regent Street, St Andrews Street and then Sidney Street. There are regular buses to the city centre - numbers 1, 3 and 7 will all take you to the city centre. There is also a taxi rank outside the station.

**From Drummer Street Local Bus Station:** The College is a five-minute walk: take Emmanuel Street - not Emmanuel Road - then turn right into St Andrews Street, and keep straight on for Sidney Street.

**From Parkers Piece National Coach Stop:** Follow Parkside, which then becomes Parker Street. Turn left into Emmanuel Street - not Emmanuel Road - then turn right into St Andrews Street, and keep straight on for Sidney Street.

**By Car:** Both traffic and parking in Cambridge are a nightmare, and unfortunately, College is unable to offer parking on site. By far the best approach is to use one of the city's five **Park and Ride** sites. There are also some **multi-storey car parks** and **pay-and-display car parks**, but these are hugely expensive and often full. However, should you wish to fight the traffic and pay up, the closest to Sidney is Park Street car park this is accessible only via Victoria Avenue, Maids Causeway and then Jesus Lane.



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Once you're here, Cambridge is a city well worth exploring, with a unique blend of heritage and modernity, as well as its position as a global focal point for business, commerce and academia. Our College website provides links to several maps and a list of ideas for things to do and see.





Further information can be found on the College website or by contacting:

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If you are thinking of holding an event here you are more than welcome to arrange an opportunity to look around.

Alternatively, try the Virtual Tour on our website, which highlights some of the key parts of College.