Hello and Welcome to Sidney Sussex!

Congratulations on being accepted at Cambridge and at Sidney! We’re very excited to have you here and to get to know you!

So first, a little about ourselves. All graduate students at Sidney are automatically members of the Sidney Sussex Middle Combination Room (the MCR). This is a confusing name, because the MCR is actually a physical room in college, but also the name given to the wider community of graduate students who use this room – you’ll get used to it! In both senses of the term, the MCR is a space where friendships are forged, and memories made. The MCR community is where many of us turn to for social engagement and welfare support. This is organised by the executive committee of the MCR, of which I serve as president. We organise events such as formals, conferences, and brunches as well as offer welfare support in various ways. We also act as a conduit between graduate students and college.

To make your transition into Cambridge easier, the MCR Exec has organised a range of activities over Freshers’ Week. The week kicks off on October 1st and includes a garden party, a visit to the theatre, several welfare brunches, a pub crawl, and a tour of the city. It also includes some serious activities such as consent workshops and inductions to the college gym and library. A final version of the Freshers’ Week timetable will be circulated to you and also be uploaded on our website. Freshers’ Week is a great time to get to know your college, your peers, as well as old Sidneys, and we hope to see all of you there.

While we wait for you to get here, we also encourage you to join our online community by joining our Facebook Group (https://www.facebook.com/groups/142424815783055), and following our Instagram page (https://www.instagram.com/sidneysussexmcr/). If you have any questions for us, please reach out to us at https://sidneymcr.soc.srcf.net/wordpress/committee/.

Warmly,

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MCR President (2021-2022)