Information for students staying at Hughes Hall during Christmas 2017 & New Year 2018

General College Information
The Dining Hall will close after normal evening service on Thursday 21st and remain closed until Tuesday 2nd January at 9.00 am. The College offices will close for the Christmas holiday period at midday on Friday 22nd and reopen at 9.00 on Tuesday 2nd January.

During the closure period, students will have access to the public rooms of the Margaret Wileman Building as well as the MCR Clubroom and the Library. Please remember there will be no cleaning services during the closed period.

Porters
The Porters Lodge will be open during the following hours over the Christmas period. Outside these hours there will be duty maintenance call out available. Parcel collection times remain the same, however there will be no evening collections on dates when the Lodge shuts at 18.00.

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Please remember to carry your access card (and key if needed) with you at all times to avoid getting locked out while the College is closed. During the holiday period it is important to be vigilant and safe in College with regard to security. Please do not let strangers or anyone that you do not recognise into any of the College buildings.

Useful Phone Numbers
Police, Fire or Ambulance: dial 999 for all emergencies. For non-emergencies: 101 for police and 111 for the NHS.

Welfare
For welfare and health information, go to: www.hughes.cam.ac.uk/student-centre/welfare/

The Health Centre will be closed from 20th December to 4th January inclusive.
From Friday 5th January normal term time hours will resume. More info at: www.hughes.cam.ac.uk/student-centre/welfare/college-nurse/

The Accident and Emergency Department of Addenbrookes Hospital remains open throughout the Christmas holiday period.

Mail
If you want to send letters or gifts abroad over the festive period, there are last posting dates to ensure items arrive on time. Visit www.postoffice.co.uk/christmas/last-posting-dates to find out more.
Welcome International Students of Cambridge
Welcome International Students of Cambridge (WISC) offers meals and hospitality to overseas students at Christmas time. It gives students an experience of British culture and way of life, free-of-charge. For more information, visit: www.srcf.ucam.org/wisc

CUSU/GU Winter Holiday Activity Guide
This guide has been created for students by CUSU and the Graduate Union to help combat isolation and loneliness for students who stay in Cambridge over the holiday period. It is a live document and updated on a daily basis. Note that St Edmund’s College is inviting all Cambridge University students to a potluck meal on Christmas day, and is also functioning as a base for student activities throughout the entire Christmas period. For the winter guide see: http://goo.gl/RHxloL

Shops, Pubs, Restaurants
Many shops, pubs, restaurants and cafes close for parts of the holiday period, or operate limited hours. For information check individual websites.

Transport
Many bus and rail services do not run at all on Christmas Day, and run a reduced service on Christmas Eve, Boxing Day, New Year’s Eve and New Year’s Day. For up-to-date information, check:
Trains: www.nationalrail.co.uk
Buses: www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/buses/bus-timetables/

Churches
Most churches have special services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve is a particularly popular service. For a list of churches, see www.colc.co.uk/shared/religion.html

Entertainment in and around Cambridge
Key websites for happenings in the Cambridge area are www.visitcambridge.org and www.admin.cam.ac.uk/whatson. Another good website for students is www.joinagora.com.

Pantomimes
The Christmas pantomime is a famous British tradition in the form of a musical-comedy theatrical production and is well worth trying. The Cambridge Arts Theatre is staging Jack and the Beanstalk until 7th Jan. See: www.cambridgeartstheatre.com. Also worth checking out is the ADC Theatre: www.adctheatre.com

Music
Cambridge has a wealth of musical events occurring throughout the year, but these take on a distinctly festive theme in December. King’s College has two famous music events: Carols from Kings, is recorded for television early in December and broadcast by BBC2 on Christmas Eve. A Festival of Nine Lessons is broadcast live on BBC Radio 4 at 3.00 pm on Christmas Eve. If you plan to attend in person you need to queue from very early in the morning. See: www.kings.cam.ac.uk/events/chapel-services/nine-lessons.html

Ghost Tours
If you are looking for something to do over the Christmas break, we recommend a private guided walking tour of Cambridge (including ghost walks), led by our own Life Fellow Tony Rodgers. Tony brings his talks to life with humour and his in-depth knowledge of Cambridge. www.cambridgetourguide.co.uk

The railings around Great St Mary’s are used as an unofficial ‘notice board’ for musical events. If you are walking that way, stop and have a look at what’s on.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the Fellows and Staff of Hughes Hall!