



HUGHES HALL
UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

Student Accommodation at Hughes Hall



Wileman Building's west front, view from Gresham Court

The College has 366 rooms available to students to rent, 281 rooms are in 7 buildings making up the central college site surrounding the cricket field, and a further 85 are in houses owned or managed by the College and located in the residential streets in the local area within a short walk of the college.

Most rooms are for single occupancy, though the College has a small amount of couple's flats and one family house available. About half the student rooms have en-suite shower rooms (comprising shower, toilet, hand basin) and other rooms have access to shared bathrooms (a mix of showers and baths etc.).

It is College policy to give priority for college accommodation to students taking courses of three years duration or longer, and to give priority to first-year students for on-site accommodation.

On-Site Accommodation

a. Gresham Court

85 single rooms in a new building completed in 2016. Gresham Court has fresh attractive interior decoration, larger beds than are available in the College's standard rooms, and fully en-suite accommodation. The building is on Gresham Road, a quiet and attractive Victorian street with close access to the centre of Cambridge, and the building is linked to the College's administrative buildings by a private path circling the cricket field. A number of rooms overlook the University's Fenner's cricket field, the University's lawn tennis courts, courtyard gardens, and Gresham Road. The building has several large shared kitchen-sitting rooms on each floor, a study-meeting space on the ground floor, and a dedicated laundry facility. This accommodation meets some of the highest standards for the University's graduate accommodation in Cambridge. (All rooms in on-site band A.)



Gresham Court, view from Gresham Road



*A study bedroom in Gresham Court
(on-site band A)*



*A study bedroom in the Fenner's Building
(on-site band B)*

b. Fenner's Building

73 single rooms and 5 larger couples' flats in a recent building (2005) located just adjacent to the College's main gate. All single rooms are en-suite and overlook Fenner's cricket field. This building also includes 4 of the College's accessible rooms. There is a laundry room within the building and several well-equipped shared kitchen-sitting rooms on each floor. Fenner's also has two roof terraces with views over the cricket field and towards the west. Two of the College's main event spaces, the Dining Hall and the Peter Richards Room, (All single rooms in on-site band B, on-site flat couples accommodation.)



Fenner's Building's west front, view from the upper terrace

c. Centenary Building

33 single rooms, all of which are en-suite, in a modern building (1997) on the main site and attached to the Wileman Building. There are shared, well-equipped kitchens. Most rooms overlook the back lawn of the College gardens towards the east front of the Wileman Building. There is one en-suite accessible room located in this building. (All rooms are on-site band B.)



Centenary Building's south front, view from the back lawn

d. Chancellor's Court

22 single, 5 small couples flats and 1 couples studio over four modern blocks (1992) surrounding a pleasant lawned courtyard. Located just behind the Wollaston Building on the main site, Chancellor's Court also houses two of the College's guest rooms for visitors. The single rooms are arranged in pairs with a shared bathroom and a shared cooking facility for each pair. (All single rooms in on-site band C)



Chancellor's Court, view from the rear of Wollaston

e. Wileman Building

30 single rooms in a rather grand building constructed for the College in the 1890s (now listed Grade II), with some more modern additions. There are shared kitchen/dining rooms and shared bathroom facilities available on each floor. The Wileman Building also contains the College Library, the main administrative offices for the College, meeting and seminar spaces, the MCR clubroom/bar, laundry room, and other shared facilities. (Most rooms in on-site band C, some smaller rooms in on-site band D.)



Wileman Building, view from the drive



Wollaston Lodge's west front, view from the drive



A room in the Wileman Building (on-site band C)

f. Wollaston Lodge

24 rooms in a pair of attractive symmetrical Arts & Crafts style buildings (probably 1880s), located on the main drive next-door to the Wileman Building. A mix of large and small rooms, some en-suite. There is a large communal kitchen in the basement of each building. (A mix of on-site bands A, C, and D.)

Off-Site Accommodation

In addition to our rooms on the main College site, the College owns a number of residential houses in the nearby streets. (See the maps at the end of this document for a guide to locations.)



Devonshire Court

a. Devonshire Court

A terrace of 4 modern houses (c. 2003) built in a traditional style, providing a total of 20 student study bedrooms – with a well-equipped shared kitchen in each house. There is an attractive garden to the rear which is shared between the four buildings, and each house includes a shared bathroom with bath and one with a shower. Devonshire Court, which is located on Devonshire Road, is the nearest of the College’s properties to Cambridge railway station. (All rooms are in off-site band A or off-site band B.)

b. Houses

Like all the houses in the local area, the College houses are attractive Victorian style properties with individual gardens. The kitchen and bathroom facilities in each house are shared between residents, with between 4 and 7 people living in each house depending on its size. (All bands for the rooms in these houses refer to the off-site rate.)

- Two houses on Glisson Road, both with 5 rooms in bands A and C.
- One house on Gwydir Street with 7 rooms in bands A, B and C.
- One house on Kingston Street with 4 rooms in bands B and C.
- Two houses on Mackenzie Road, one with 7 rooms in bands A and C, the other with 5 rooms in bands A and C.
- Four houses on Mawson Road, two with 4 rooms in bands A, B and C, two with 6 rooms in bands A, B and C and one with 7 rooms in bands A and C.
- One house on Mill Road with 5 rooms in bands A and B.
- One Tenison Road, one with 4 rooms in bands A and C.

There is a map showing approximate locations of houses and buildings at the end of this guide.

Pricing

Rooms in college accommodation are defined by price bands based on location, whether or not the room has en-suite bathroom, and the approximate size. Prices are given per-week, and a standard room licence runs to the end of June (however students can request accommodation into July-August-September). All rents for single accommodation include utilities and cleaning in common areas and bathrooms, as well as a charge for Internet access and insurance. (Insurance and cleaning bathrooms is not included in couples units rents.)

Single Accommodation Bands

There are four on-site bands, and three off-site bands. Band prices are published on the College website.

On-site band 'A'

Includes all the accommodation in the new Gresham Court development which is located beside the University cricket field and the grass tennis courts. Rooms in this band are in the larger category with a floor area greater than about 11m². They have smart new furniture, large windows, and are fitted with larger beds than are provided in elsewhere in the College. They have the benefit of being in a brand new architect-designed building providing some of the highest quality student housing available in the University.

There are also a number of band A rooms in the Wollaston Lodge houses, these are spacious en-suite rooms with double beds.

On-site band 'B'

Band B rooms usually have a study/bedroom floor area over 11m². All these rooms have en-suite facilities and they are located in various buildings on the main College site, including the Centenary Building and Fenners.

On-site band 'C'

While these rooms are similar to band A and band B rooms in having a study/bedroom footprint greater than about 11m², they do not have en-suite bathroom facilities. These rooms are in a mix of the Margaret Wileman building, Wollaston Lodge and Chancellors Court.

On-site band 'D'

Band D rooms include smaller rooms with access to shared bathrooms rather than having en-suite facilities – they have a study/bedroom floor area less than 11m². All these rooms are located in Wollaston Lodge and the Wileman Building.

Off-site band 'A'

The larger size of off-site accommodation, these rooms all have a floor area greater than 13.5m². All accommodation off the central site is without en-suite facilities, so these are rooms with access to shared bathrooms. Some in this category are located in Devonshire Court, others are in the various college houses.

Off-site band 'B'

Standard size rooms for off-site accommodation, with floor areas between 11 and 13.5m², all with shared bathroom facilities. Most of these are in Devonshire Court, though a number are located in various houses.

Off-site band 'C'

Smaller rooms with a footprint less than 11m² and shared bathrooms. These are all located in college houses in the nearby residential streets.

Couples Accommodation

The College has a number of flats and studios for students in established long-term relationships intending to live in Cambridge with their partner as the primary place of residence for both individuals throughout the academic year. All are located on the central site. Pricing is based on the nature of the accommodation rather than a banding system. Demand for these is usually high.

Flats - Fenner's Building

There are five on-site flats with a similar layout in the Fenner's Building. Four have shared entrances up a stairwell separate from the main Fenner's Building entrance, a fifth is accessed from the second floor. The main living/dining space is approximately 15m² and looks over the cricket field. There is a double bedroom (c. 9m²), also with a view of the cricket field, and a smaller second room (c. 6m²) with window to the rear. In addition there is a kitchen off the main room (c. 6m²), and a bathroom with bath (with shower overhead) (c. 3m²). The flats have neutral decoration and are furnished with double bed, wardrobe, dining table and chairs, sofa and armchair. The kitchen has cooker with oven and hob, a microwave, sink and cupboards.

Flats – Chancellor’s Court

There are 5 on-site flats with a similar layout in Chancellor’s Court. Text describing access to the flats, if via a separate entrance. The main living/dining space is approximately 11m². There is a double bedroom (c. 11m²). In addition there is a small kitchen off the hall (c. 3m²), and a bathroom with shower (c. 2m²). The flats have neutral decoration and are furnished with double bed, wardrobe, dining table and chairs, sofa and armchair. The kitchen has a cooker with oven and hob, a microwave, sink and cupboards.

Studio – Chancellor’s Court

There is one couples on-site studio in Chancellor’s Court. This is on the 3rd floor with stairs to access. A kitchen area at the entrance (c. 4m²) leads into the main bed-sitting room (c. 12m²). The kitchen has hob and oven, plus storage cupboards and sink. The main room has a double bed and a sofa with a small dining table and chairs. Off the main room is a shower room (c. 2m²) and there is a steep stairway to an upper mezzanine area (c. 3m²) providing study space, this is equipped with a desk and chair.

Family house

The college owns a 2-bedroom house that backs on to the college. The house is fully furnished and comprises of 2 upstairs bedrooms, one with a small adjoining study space. Downstairs bathroom with shower, kitchen, separate dining room and lounge.

Map of approximate locations of houses and buildings around central site



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