

Freshers' Week 2007

Wondering what's in store for your first week at Cambridge?

Here is the plan for your first exciting week at Downing. Feel free to attend as much or as little as you like. The f'reps will be on hand all week to show you around and help you settle in. Throughout the week, the **Party Room** (underneath the Butterfield Café and Bar) will be open as a **Chill Out Area**, so feel free to head down there to watch TV, chat to a f'rep or have a coffee if ever things get too much or you just want some peace and quiet.

Saturday, 29th September

- 10am-4pm: **Arrive, settle in, meet your staircase reps!**
- 12noon-4pm: **Drinks**
Howard Building
- 12.30-5pm: **Registration with T&A (compulsory)**
Tutorials and Admissions Office
- 6pm: **Informal Meeting with Tutors**
Check your pigeon hole for exact details!
- 7pm: **Welcome Meal**
FREE (and in the Hall)
- 8.30pm -
12.30am: **"Wish You Were Here..." Party**
Party Room
*"Wish you were here...? Time to stop wishing. The holidays might be over, but come down to the **Party Room** for some Caribbean cocktails and Hollywood sparkle to welcome you in. Whether you're an American Jock or flamenco dancer, a bagpipe playing Scot or an Australian beach bum, tonight the world is your oyster so go crazy on the costumes (because we certainly will)!"*

Sunday 30th September

- 10am-12noon: **Games on the Paddock**
- 10.30am: **Freshers' Service in the Chapel**
- 11.30-12.30: **Brunch**
Hall
- 11am -12.30: **Registration with T&A (compulsory)**

Tutorials and Admissions Office - You MUST do this if you didn't yesterday.

- 1pm-5.30pm: **Summer Garden Party and BBQ**
Paddock (Again, it's FREE!)
*"For an afternoon of fun and games, head over to **the Paddock**. Whether you fancy a bite to eat, a glass of Pimms in the refreshment tent or to set some records on the giant inflatables, there's something to suit everyone! Come along and join in the fun!"*
- 8.30pm-12midnight: **Wild West Hoe-Down**
Hall
*"Howdy y'all! With the **Hall** transformed and special themed music, you'll really believe you're in the Wild Wild West... Whether you're a sheriff, cowboy, cowgirl, can-can girl or simply ready for the stocks, mosey on down for the best barn dance of the year! Try the milkybar kid cocktail, sample some cactus juice and see if you're the quickest on the draw. Stomp it out on the dance floor, ride the rodeo, and see if you're 'wanted' by the sheriff. Saddle up for a darn good time! Yee-haa!!!!"*

Monday, 1st October

- All Day: **Director of Studies Meetings**
Tutor Meetings
Check outside the P'lodge.
- 10am - 12noon: **Coffee in the Butterfield Cafe**
- 10am - 12noon: **Games on the Paddock**
- 11am: **Amenities Tour**
Meet at the P'lodge
- 1pm-2.30pm: **Deloitte Working Lunch and Study Skills Session (compulsory)**
Howard Building
- 2.30-4.30pm: **Downing College Societies Fair**
Howard Building
- 4-6pm: **Pub Quiz**
Meet at the P'lodge and then head to The Anchor.
- Evening: **Family Night**
Your parents will contact you!
- 10pm: **Soul Tree or Chill Out in the Party Room.**

Tuesday, 2nd October

Book your Thursday night formal ticket in the p'lodge by 12noon today!

- Morning: **Director of Studies Meetings**
Tutor Meetings
- 10-12pm: **Sports**
Paddock
- 1.15pm: **Matriculation Photograph (compulsory)**
Chapel Steps
- 1.30pm: **Official Welcome (compulsory)**
Howard Building
- 3pm onwards: **Matriculation Ceremony (compulsory)**
West Lodge
- 5-6.30pm: **Dancing Taster Session**
Howard Building
In preparation for this evening, there will be a dancing class and taster session with the University Dance Society, 5-6.30pm in the top floor of the Howard Building. These are the same dancers who will come along to the party and they will show you salsa, rock n roll and latin and maybe even a dash of ballroom too, so it promises to be a fantastic opportunity!
The dance classes open to the whole university are always really packed, so we're very lucky to have them in!
This may, though, clash with some of the individual Matriculation ceremonies, but it is vital that you go to the ceremonies ~ you can always come along a little later, there will be some f'reps there to partner up with too!
- 3-7pm: **Cambridge University Societies Fair**
Kelsey Kerridge Sports Centre
- 7.30pm: **Matriculation Dinner**
Hall
- 9pm -
12midnight: **'007' Party**
Howard Building
*"For the secret agents and Bond girls of '007, we have the perfect themed party! Still in your formal dress from Matriculation dinner, head to **the Howard Building** for a sophisticated and exciting evening - and maybe the odd martini (shaken, naturally). Try your hand at the casino, enjoy the sounds of the swing band, or just relax with a cocktail..."*

Wednesday, 3rd October

Morning: Some subjects have lectures this morning.

1-3pm: **Punting**
Meet at the P'lodge.

5pm: **The Downing Challenge or Arts Picture House?**
Meet in the Party Room to either take **The Downing Challenge** or go to the cinema.

9pm onwards: **Vodka Revolution**

Thursday, 4th October

7.30pm **Freshers' Formal**
Hall - Book in ADVANCE!

9pm: **Opening Night of the Bar**

Friday, 5th October

9pm: **"Comic Book Heroes and Villains" Ent**
Hall

So, that's the plan for the week - we hope that you will enjoy it!
Remember, if you have any further questions, don't hesitate to get in touch.