

# Arriving at Pembroke

Cambridge is rather unfriendly when it comes to cars, and you'll no doubt be wondering how on earth you'll be able to unpack yourself when you arrive on Sunday. Never fear – the JPC is on hand!

When you get to Cambridge, you have a few of options for parking up. Firstly, there's a small (and I mean small) car park underneath Foundress Court, within the College grounds. This is accessed via the back gate on Tennis Court Road, which on the map below is conveniently marked by the double-headed arrow on Tennis Court Road:



These gates will be open all day, and the car park is simply on the left once within the gates. However, this car park is **strictly short stay**, by which we mean literally the time it takes to unpack your stuff. We're talking about a small car park that is used normally for a handful of College staff, and there simply isn't the room or manoeuvrability for everyone to leave their cars. Indeed, those with very large cars or vans might prefer to forego this idea entirely, as it's rather snug and manoeuvring can be tricky.

Alternatively (and preferably), you can park up alongside the College on Tennis Court Road and quickly dump your belongings. This unloading needs to be done rather promptly, as the road is marked with double yellow lines and unfortunately the local traffic wardens are always out in force on these well-known moving days. If you leave a driver in the car, you should have no problem over a short period.

Whether you choose to venture into the car park or not is entirely up to you, but either way your vehicle's visit will have to be fleeting. If you arrive on Sunday, the 18-strong JPC will be swarming around the back gate to help you unload and help carry your things, so don't worry about struggling to heave your belongings around.

Meanwhile, I'm afraid your car will have to move. If your parents (or anyone else) wish to stick around – and most do – they'll have to find somewhere else to park. My best suggestion is to use the large car park on Corn Exchange Street (clearly indicated on my previous map); it's very close, but sadly not free. Alternatively, you might want to direct your car back out of the centre toward the well-signposted Park and Ride, where your driver and passengers will then be returned via bus. If neither of these options pique your interest, you might want to head slightly out of the centre and park on a residential street for free – although there is no guarantee that you'll find a space.

Before being able to access your room, you'll need to collect your key from the Porter's Lodge. Those friendly chaps will be very happy to talk you through the process for "swiping in" and collecting your key. In order to get your car in and out as quickly as possible, I suggest that you unload your luggage first, move it outside your room (with a JPC member to help, of course), and then pick up your key while your driver finds somewhere to park for a longer period.

Finally, please be aware that this will be a fairly traffic-intense day, with many people moving into Pembroke and surrounding Colleges. Please be patient, and you'll be unloaded in no time!

See you on Sunday!

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