

Hello, you have just found the website of Sidney Sussex MCR and we are delighted to welcome you!

My name is Christof Gaunt and I am the President of the MCR Committee 2017-2018. What is the MCR committee? A group of student volunteers who help organise and run social events, provide welfare, represent you as a Sidney graduate inside and outside of the college and run the MCR on a day to day basis.

My job as President is to make sure that the needs of the MCR are recognised by the college, the university and that your wonderful committee are working together just as well in 12 months as they are right now. There is huge diversity among the graduates here at Sidney, we are made up from PhD, MPhil, Part III and LLM students, coming from the UK, EU and really every part of the globe. We are a truly international cohort with diverse needs as such, it is my job to make sure each of these are met.

Sidney Sussex is right in the heart of Cambridge, making it a prime location for getting immersed within this bustling student city. However, behind our great gate and within our college walls you will find a peaceful place for relaxing with friends, cracking on with some studying, walking around the stunning grounds or eating in our beautiful dining hall. The college has excellent facilities for students, boasting a squash court, modern gym, a well-stocked library, computer suite, a fantastic student run bar (the cheapest in Cambridge!), music practice rooms, a beautiful Chapel and dedicated access to some of the best outdoor sports facilities in Cambridge! Whatever you're looking to do, you'll find the space to do it in Sidney!

What can you expect from the MCR in the coming year? Throughout the year the MCR committee organise various events, starting in Michaelmas Term (October) we kick off with Fresher's week with events aimed to bring all new and existing graduate students together and help settle into life in Sidney. Running throughout the year are the fortnightly Formal Halls, a formal dinner held in the dining hall, often with fun themes where the hall is transformed into Hogwarts, a casino night or for Halloween; these are very popular and always in demand. Throughout the year we will be running many varied events, including whiskey and gin tasting, college wine cellar tours, Green excursions outside of Cambridge (camping, kayaking, hiking), gardening in our own allotment, Sunday brunches, graduate seminars and suppers, all culminating with the famous end of year MCR garden party in June.

I am incredibly excited to represent Sidney Sussex MCR and look forward to a fantastic year ahead!