

Hi everyone!

I'm Sarwat, the President of MCR Committee, and would like to wish you all a very warm welcome to Cambridge!

Congratulations on being accepted to study your chosen course at Cambridge and even greater congratulations on receiving a place at Sidney! You are to become a member of Sidney MCR or *Middle Combination Room* - the name given to the graduate community in College - which is a vibrant, diverse and friendly group of people.

For most of you, your academic life will be centred around your department. However, being a part of a college provides a parallel community that you're a part of, during your time here. Whether you are here for a year or in it for the long haul, we hope you will get involved in graduate life here at Sidney.

We kick off term with Freshers' Week - which will commence on **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September**. I strongly recommend that you attend as many events as you can. Speaking as someone who does not live in college: It's the best way to meet Sidneys - old and new - and will really help you settle down to life in Cambridge. We have made sure to organise a wide variety of events for everyone to enjoy. These range from a drinks reception, pub crawl, and Freshers bop (=party!) to a film night (Lego Movie!), picnic in our very own allotment and relaxed walk to the nearby village of Granchester. If you're new to Cambridge, we are also running information sessions to get you sorted and settled as soon as possible. The Freshers' week timetable will be published on the MCR website and Facebook group in early September.

The fun doesn't stop there! Throughout Michaelmas, Easter and Lent Terms my lovely MCR Committee work really hard to organise various social events throughout the year, such formals, formal swaps, whisky tastings, camping trips and more..!

Accompanying this welcome letter is the MCR Freshers' Guide, designed to answer questions you may have about Cambridge or College. The guide also provides a comprehensive overview of all aspects of graduate life at Sidney. I really recommend reading this before you arrive! If you have any specific questions about Sidney, or Cambridge more generally, do not hesitate to contact a member of the MCR Committee. You can contact us via the Facebook page/group or alternatively, our email addresses can be found on the MCR website.

Lastly, if you haven't already, please "like" the Facebook page and join the MCR Facebook group - search for "Sidney Sussex MCR". I look forward to meeting you all very soon!

Best wishes,

Ms Sarwat Baig

**MCR President 2016-17**



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