Pembroke College is a lively and ambitious intellectual community where students and academics are passionate about their subjects. It’s a vibrant and friendly place - and with plenty of social events, lectures and extracurricular activities to get involved in, you’ll soon feel at home!

We’re one of over 30 colleges in the University of Oxford. All students are members of a college - a place where you live, study and find community during your time here. You can pick a preference when you apply, or make an open application. Choosing just one can be tricky! Read on for more about life at Pembroke, and have a think about whether we’re the right one for you.

Of course, the best way to get the feel of a place is to see it for yourself. So please come visit us on an Oxford Open Day, normally in June and September.

www.pmb.ox.ac.uk/openday

‘We welcome applicants from all backgrounds and look for individuals who are excited about their subject, passionate about learning and want to make the most of the opportunities on offer. We are committed to supporting students so that they can thrive and fully enjoy and benefit from their time at Oxford and at Pembroke.’

Dame Lynne Brindley
Master of College
'As the first in my family to attend university, and someone who didn’t visit Pembroke, my first day was accompanied with a lot of nerves...Looking back, I can’t imagine spending such an incredible year anywhere else. From ridiculously intelligent and supportive tutors, such a welcoming community... my year at Pembroke has been better than I could have imagined! I came out of first year with results I couldn’t be more proud of, something I have to attribute to this amazing place I’ve come to see as my home.'

Abby,
History & Economics

AN INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY

When you come to Pembroke, you’ll automatically become a member of the JCR (known as the Junior Common Room). It’s a tight-knit, friendly undergraduate community that discusses and makes key decisions together, as well as organising social events and peer-support programmes.

An elected committee represents students in different areas, from academic matters to welfare, arts and access. Fortnightly meetings are open to all members to voice their opinions. As well as making their own collective decisions, many reps also sit on committees with Pembroke staff, which means that students can weigh in on the decisions that affect them.

‘I am forever in awe of the warmth which Pembroke exudes, and its friendliness and inclusivity make it a wonderful place to be. Pembroke’s JCR seeks to support students in all their endeavours, and with its grants, year-round welfare support, sports teams and extracurriculars, I am sure there will be that ‘something’ here for everyone.’

Carolina
Former JCR President
AN ACADEMIC COMMUNITY

When you live and study in such a dynamic intellectual community, you discover new depth and meaning in your course. At Pembroke you can share knowledge with some of the world's best contemporary thinkers. Our undergraduates are an essential part of our community, and we value the fresh insights and enthusiasm they bring.

A CENTRE FOR RESEARCH

Our academics and postgraduates conduct world-leading research, often sharing their recent findings at lectures and conferences within College. Having access to such a variety of talks and lectures can really help bring your subject to life, and bring home its real-world impact.

As well as individual academics, Pembroke is home to several research groups - the Changing Character of War Programme, the Quill Project and the Ordered Universe Project. They often host conferences within College, and some of our students have gone on to work in these groups after finishing their degree.

www.pmb.ox.ac.uk/academics-research/research-groups

Here at Pembroke we have a Maths Club for undergraduates. At termly meetings a guest speaker delivers an engaging talk about real life application of mathematics, from Medical Imaging to Electrical Activity of the Heart.

Professor Damian Rössler

A VARIETY OF EVENTS

Pembroke’s spaces are for the whole community - a space for student groups and societies to contribute knowledge and develop shared understanding on current issues.

Pembroke ‘Peminists’ host a weekly discussion group on feminist issues, promoting gender equality and stimulating debate. Our students set up Oxford’s Group within Student Action for Refugees (STAR), a national student network campaigning to improve the lives of refugees in the UK. They hosted a panel discussion on the process of seeking asylum in Europe, inviting leading experts in the field.

There are lots more examples of student-led initiatives scattered throughout this prospectus.

‘If you attend these events with academics, it’s very easy to form a connection beyond "Oh, this is the person who tutors me". It's great because you can learn more about the research they’re doing, and they can in a sense channel their tutorials to your interests because they know you.’

Elizabeth
President of Pembroke History Society
Opportunities to Innovate

Pembroke co-hosts Tri-Innovate, an innovation competition that helps students to realise ideas with social impact. As an intercollegiate competition, it’s open to student teams from just a handful of Oxford colleges. Students present their ideas to a panel of judges, with a chance to win funding and mentoring to realise their project.

As well as real-world exploration of participants’ interests, this setting helps students gain practical experience in presenting and communicating concepts, with an emphasis on their practical usage.

We pitched Listen2See, an audio-guided navigation tool for partially-sighted people...Basically, it would construct an auditory landscape, enabling partially-sighted people to better navigate a dynamic world.

Pembroke Winners of Tri-Innovate

Our modern facilities enable students to develop their innovations on a public platform.

Students can get involved in Pembroke’s year-round access work. Undergraduate Hope Oloye established the Afro-Caribbean Tyler Essay Prize with help from other Oxford students. The prize enhances key academic skills and rewards exceptional writing among Year 12 Afro-Caribbean pupils. The Celebration Day brought together prize winners, mentors and guest speakers in Pembroke’s auditorium.

‘A student body is a strong and powerful force that, with the right direction and structure, can enforce and promote a huge positive influence both for individuals and on a much bigger scale.’

Lizzy, Modern Languages
Founder of Oxford Student Action for Refugees
Pembroke offers a wide range of undergraduate courses, including many joint options. But what does an average day look like for a Pembroke student? It really depends on what you study.

For some, most tutorials will take place in Pembroke, and for others you’ll visit different colleges. You’ll also participate in lectures and seminars in your department. If you’re taking a science course that requires a lot of lab-based work, you’ll probably spend a lot of time in your department’s labs.

‘I specifically chose to apply to Pembroke to receive the guidance and tutorship of Professor André Furger, whose research in mRNA processing I find fascinating and inspiring!’

Florence, Biochemistry

Why Choose Pembroke?

Even though a large part of your degree takes place in your department, you’ll also have a personal tutor in college to help guide you through your course. All tutors have individual research interests, and Pembroke academics specialise in subjects as varied as the impact of civil rights movements, to the psychology of colour perception. These specialisms won’t direct your overall course structure, but can add a valuable extra dimension to your studies. So if you have a special interest in a certain tutor’s research, that’s a great reason to choose Pembroke!

www.pmb.ox.ac.uk/academics-research

Course | Places*
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Arabic, Persian & Turkish | Up to 4
Biochemistry | 4
Biological Sciences | 6
Chemistry | 6
Chinese | 3-4
Economics and Management | 8
Engineering | 6
English | 6
English and Modern Languages | 1
European and Middle Eastern Languages | 5
Experimental Psychology | 2-3
Hebrew and Jewish Studies | 1
History | 9
History and Economics | 9
History and English | 2
History and Modern Languages | 1
History and Politics | 9
Japanese | 3
Law (Jurisprudence) | 6
Mathematics | 6
Maths and Philosophy | 2
Medicine | 3
Modern Languages | 3
Modern Languages and Linguistics | 3
Music | 2
Philosophy and Modern Languages | 1
Philosophy and Theology | 1-2
Philosophy Politics and Economics | 6
Physics | 6
Physics and Philosophy | 2
Psychology, Philosophy and Linguistics | 2-3
Theology and Oriental Studies | 1
Theology and Religion | 2-3

www.pmb.ox.ac.uk/courses

*Numbers may vary each year, and are only provided as an approximation
'Pembroke Law provides a fantastic environment to grow, especially under the supervision and care of Professor Rebecca Williams. I’m grateful for the support I received, both in its own right and for giving me a better legal education.'

To new students starting at Pembroke, I’d say try to throw yourself into your course and College life as much as you can - the more you put in the more you get out.

Dom, Medicine

'Read English where the authors of The Hobbit, The Knight of the Burning Pestle, Religio Medici, and Johnson’s Dictionary studied or taught!'

Will, English

'The standard of the chemistry teaching in Pembroke is really high. My tutors have always been extremely supportive, and at the same time pushed me to develop the ability to work autonomously. They’re readily available to help with summer applications and that allowed me to have some great experiences.'

Elisabetta, Chemistry
ENHANCING YOUR LEARNING

The tutorial-based method of teaching at Oxford is one of the most renowned in the world. These in-depth sessions give you a high number of contact hours and a very personalised style of learning.

PERSONALISED LEARNING

As well as lectures and other classes, Oxford's core teaching is based around tutorials. These involve meeting with your tutor and a small number of other students from your course (normally between 2 and 4) to discuss work that has been prepared in advance of the tutorial, usually once or twice a week. Tutorials are more interactive than lectures, often framed as an exchange of ideas or a discussion. Many students at Pembroke find them a very valuable and productive way to learn.

‘You get out of a tutorial what you put into it. So the best students will also come with their own questions, having thought about the difficult issues in that week’s topic.’

Professor Rebecca Williams, Law

‘I think the tutorial system is very useful. It gives you that individual attention to ask any questions, also some insight into why the work you’re doing is important. Having a tutor who’s a professional in the field you’re studying gives your work that bit of relevance, and really brings home why you’re doing the subject.’

Cesca, Physics
‘Pembroke put in a lot of resources to enhance my academic experience, [like] the book grant for humanities students. Of special mention is the library, which helped me order five obscure books on Singaporean politics for my thesis. The tutors have also been fantastic. They’re highly experienced and very dedicated to bringing the best out of each student.’

Yew Loong, History and Politics

‘We have real treasures, ancient and modern, in our Rare Books Room, and are happy to help with finding your books or just finding your feet!’

Laura Cracknell, Librarian
Welfare is about more than just helping with problems when they come up. It’s providing a positive, supportive environment where people feel listened to and valued.

We know our students get the most out of their studies when they feel supported, and have options on who to turn to in any given situation. At Pembroke you’ll have access to a broad network of College advisors and resources to support your emotional, physical and mental wellbeing, on top of university support.

Life at Oxford can be both stimulating and challenging at times. But by enabling you with the tools and advice to find solutions, we aim to make your time here as smooth and enriching as possible.

‘Welfare is really important to make sure everyone is on top of their game, that they can perform as best they can, and enjoy their time here as well.’

Imogen, JCR Welfare Rep

ALL-ROUND SUPPORT

Day or Night

One of the best things about living in College is that there’s always someone to talk to, day or night. We know that the times when you need support won’t always fall in office hours. There’s always someone on duty at the Lodge at the College entrance. They’re always there for questions, to help you find your way around, or just for a chat!

There are also two graduate students who act as Junior Deans. They live in College and are on-call 24/7, so they are often the first point of contact for welfare issues. They can then give on-the-spot support, or give you pointers on who might be the best person to help.

Academic Support

In a fast-paced environment like Oxford, any academic issue can become a source of stress. The Academic Office is on hand to help make your degree go as smoothly as possible, and your tutor is a great point of contact for any questions about your course. We have students who act as Subject and Academic Reps, for when you’d rather talk through academic matters with someone who knows what you’re going through.

Mentoring

Pembroke’s Mentoring Scheme pairs graduate and undergraduate students to offer academic guidance and support. The scheme is facilitative - participating graduates are not there to ‘give the answers’, but instead to guide mentees towards solutions themselves.

Peer Support and College “Parents”

Pembroke Freshers are matched with College “parents” from the years above – this means that you’ve got someone looking out for you from Day One.

A team of trained Student Peer Supporters are there for any student to talk to confidentially. During termtime, they also help run weekly Welfare Teas for anyone who’d like to stop by for a cup of tea and a chat. There are also Welfare reps on the JCR Committee who voice students’ views on everything to do with student wellbeing.
'The best thing about Pembroke is how friendly and supportive everybody is… I feel there's always somebody to turn to if I need help.'

Katherine, Biochemistry

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

We recognise that financial matters can be a top concern for students and their families when considering university. We aim to support students with both advice and practical assistance, including grants, scholarships and prizes. On top of university-allocated funding, Pembroke has a number of grants for both short and long-term needs. These can cover both unexpected hardships (from replacing a broken laptop to an emergency trip home), and more substantial financial support.

If you have any questions about money issues, please get in touch through the contact details on our Finance page.

www.pmb.ox.ac.uk/welfare-financial

DISABILITY SUPPORT

There are over 2,500 students with a declared disability at Oxford, around 11% of the total student body – so if you have a disability, you are not alone.

Pembroke encourages and welcomes disabled students, aiming to accommodate their specific personal needs to help them enjoy a fulfilling degree. We encourage students to let us know if they have a disability or condition that might affect their wellbeing and studies - you have no obligation to, but sharing your needs will help us figure out how best to support you.

We have a variety of support strategies, from specialist equipment to alternative document formats. We have also adapted our accommodation to accommodate students with physical disabilities.

www.pmb.ox.ac.uk/equality-disabilities

‘Oxford’s such a traditional place, and it’s hard making a new life here if you don’t feel entirely comfortable with your own identity. But small signs like flying the LGBT+ flag, and the support shown in LGBT+ History Month, go a long way. I’d like to thank Pembroke for their support of LGBT+ students, and hope it continues in the years to come.’

Daniel, LGBT+ Rep

‘I have cerebral palsy and it affects my motor skills as well as my visual perception. Pembroke has been very supportive from the beginning - from when I first arrived and disclosed my needs they were very helpful and accommodating!’

Nadia, History

Weekly Welfare Teas - a space for students to stop by and chat
It’s easy to feel at home at Pembroke. If you want a campus feel within the heart of a city, we’re for you.

ACCOMMODATION

Central Location
Just two minutes’ walk from Carfax Tower, Pembroke is one of Oxford’s most central colleges - useful when you want to make the most of all the city has to offer. First year students live in our accommodation in Pembroke’s main site, and those in further years have the option of main site (catered) or our nearby Geoffrey Arthur Building (self-catered), pictured right.

Peace of Mind
Unlike most other colleges, we can guarantee accommodation for at least three years of your undergraduate degree. This means you have the freedom to stay in Pembroke, close to friends and College life, without the distraction of house-viewings. But you always have the choice of living out in second and third year if you’d prefer - it’s up to you.

If you need to stay in Oxford for academic study over the holidays, you can also apply for a vacation grant.

Room Choice
Rooms are split into five price bands according to size and facilities, so you’ll find one to suit your budget and preferences. We have a large proportion of en-suite bedrooms, as well as fair-sized and good quality rooms at a lower rent.

We know that choice is really important, so you can pick your price band and we’ll try our best to match you to a suitable room. Last year, around 80% of Freshers got their first-choice room.

www.pmb.ox.ac.uk/accommodation

‘A great reason to choose Pembroke is that you have the option to live in College for three years if you like’

Charles, History and English
FOOD
Between our two main eating areas, Farthings Café and Hall, we’ve got you covered for all your meals. Pembroke food is excellent, varied, nutritious and reasonably priced. Most importantly, it’s probably only a few hundred metres from your room! We cater for every dietary need and take a sustainable approach to where our food comes from. We also have a student food committee and on-line feedback system to listen to views and suggestions about meal options.

First Year
In your first year you automatically have an evening meal plan, which covers dinner six nights a week in Hall. This leaves the hassle to us, meaning you can concentrate on the important things - settling in and studying! Dinners are a mix of ‘Formal’ and ‘Informal’ Hall - the only difference is that in Formal Hall you wear a black gown. It’s a great way to get to know other students.

Other Years
Non-first year students living on site can choose between the standard meal plan, or a more flexible plan, where you can choose to use your allowance flexibly across all meals in either our café or Hall. Students living off our main site can still eat in College, just on a pay-as-you-go system.

www.pmb.ox.ac.uk/catering

EATING SPACES

Farthings Café
Only around half of Oxford colleges have their own on-site café, and we’re one of them! Farthing’s is a great place to take a break from the library or grab a coffee between tutorials.

Hall
Hall is an historic and beautiful setting where you can enjoy meals created and prepared in-house by Pembroke’s own talented chefs.
BEYOND THE THREE TERMS

Learning outside of the lecture theatre can enrich both your studies and your overall university experience. Pembroke has grants to help you get out into the wider world and explore all that it has to teach.

Oxford has longer vacation periods than many other universities, meaning they’re the perfect opportunity to take up opportunities like internships or study abroad schemes. Both in the UK and abroad, Pembroke students have undertaken projects that make the most of their free time, and support their learning and career goals.

Exploring your Interests
Pembroke has links with organisations and programmes across the world. We offer both subject-specific grants and open funds for any student to explore their academic interests.

Encouraging Independent Research
We encourage students to propose their own project ideas for our grant opportunities. This tailors the experience to their individual academic interests, without being bound to one specific destination or set programme.

Some students win funding for self-directed thesis research. In the past, our undergraduates have interviewed policy influencers in Nigeria and prominent historians in Singapore. Being able to visit and directly speak to influential figures in the context of their work really helps bring a subject to life.

www.pmb.ox.ac.uk/finance-undergraduate-travel

‘I was able to study tropical rainforest ecology in Borneo due to funding from a Pembroke travel grant. It was such a special place; exploring one of the most undisturbed and biodiverse places on Earth is an experience I’ll never forget...It’s led me to consider research in tropical regions as an occupation.’

Maisie, Biological Sciences

FIVE continents were visited by students last year

GLOBAL opportunities for self-initiated projects

‘The programme brought together 260 students from over 20 countries to study contemporary social issues in China: a new challenge, and a rare chance to experience the country from the dual perspectives of policy and people.’

Benjamin, Maths, and Amelia, European & Middle Eastern Languages (German & Arabic) in Beijing, China
SUCCESS IN STEM

Pembroke STEM* students have the chance to take part in our Rokos Awards - fully-funded internships that help students gain hands-on experience in a relevant area of research.

During her summer, Zoe worked in the university’s Biochemistry Department, developing a new diagnostic tool for Chagas disease. Her team then submitted the project to iGem, an international synthetic biology competition with more than 6000 entrants across 30 countries. They won ‘Best Diagnostic Project’, as well as nominations in five other categories.

‘My iGEM project has been a very valuable and informative use of my time over summer vacation, and I’m very glad that the Rokos scholarship has allowed me to participate.’

Sam, Engineering Intern at Oxford Robotics Institute

‘Everyday I was able to learn new knowledge relating to robotics, algorithmic development, computer vision and good engineering design. That was the best part: the opportunity to work with and directly question leading experts in these fields.’

Laurence (Physics) on an 8-week internship at CERN, Geneva - the lab that verified the Higgs Boson particle in 2012

‘Despite not being directly linked to my degree, the topics touched on the social side of medicine, expanding my interest in epidemiology and public health. Going behind the scenes of the Smithsonian enabled me to gain the full experience of what it’s like to work in such a large and collaborative institution.’

Ebubechi, Medicine. Intern at The Smithsonian, USA

I really enjoyed living abroad and working in such an international community. I’m very likely to do a PhD, and am considering Switzerland as a place to complete it. Working at CERN again will definitely be something I consider!
A PEMBROKE PRODUCTION

Arts and culture play an important role in Pembroke life. Many opportunities not only offer students a creative outlet, but also help them explore career paths and develop skills that complement their studies!

'From termly exhibitions and Pembroke Arts Week, to borrowing artworks and art competitions, there are so many ways in which you can get involved with Oxford’s first student-owned Art Collection and Gallery!'

Qianhui, JCR Art Fund Chair
Performing arts
We have a thriving drama scene with many public events taking place in College. Students perform musicals and operas of a remarkably high standard, transforming the Pichette Auditorium. The outdoor garden play is another highlight of the summer term!

JCR Art Fund Collection and Gallery
In 1947 Pembroke became the first of the Oxford Colleges to have an art collection owned by its students! Today students continue to grow the collection and put on exhibitions in the College’s public art Gallery.

Poetry at Pembroke
This termly series of poetry events invites prominent and emerging poets to the College and also provides a platform for staff and students to perform their writing.

Awards & Grants
The George Jenkin Prize is awarded to undergraduate artists with great promise! Pembroke also runs an annual art competition, awards instrumental scholarships and offers a support fund to performing artists.

Music Recitals
Public lunchtime music recitals happen every week during term time and the Master of the College hosts termly performances. Singers can get involved in the College Choir and Pembroke Chamber Singers.

‘I gained a wider perspective on my study of literature and, in particular, theatre... Having my extracurricular and academic interests exist within the same broad space provided the opportunity for them to play off each other.’

Chesney

Studied
English and Modern Languages

Took part in
College and Uni plays (‘Jekyll and Hyde’ above)
Slovenia tour with Pembroke Choir
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At Pembroke, you can enjoy a wide range of sports from rugby to rowing.

Something for Everyone
Pembroke has a range of sports teams you can get involved with - a great way to balance your studies and meet new people. We pride ourselves on a friendly atmosphere that welcomes newcomers and more experienced players alike.

Access to Facilities
Our own sports ground is just a 5-minute bike ride from College. It consists of two football pitches, a rugby pitch, two cricket nets, two grass tennis courts, three hard tennis/netball courts and a newly-renovated pavilion.

Head Down to the River
The Pembroke boat house, which contains a small gym, is also located just 10 minutes down the road. Rowing is a particular strength, the College has two of the best crews on the river!

Recognising Success
Our College prizes celebrate students’ success in sports. The ‘Fitz Awards for Sports’ are financial prizes for students who perform particularly well in sporting activities at University during the academic year. The ‘Roger Bannister Scholarship’ is an annual award that recognises an individual who has proven excellence in both their academic work and sporting activity.

Try Something New
Because of its small, friendly and intercollegiate level, there’s a very inclusive atmosphere at Pembroke! So it really doesn’t matter if you’ve never tried the sport before - now is your chance. If Pembroke doesn’t have a team that you’re interested in, you could always apply for a College grant to start your own!

‘I’ve absolutely loved my time as captain of Pembroke Netball Club. The improvement in our performance over the year has been huge, and it’s amazing to have been a part of that.’
Libby, Economics and Management

‘Oxford can be an intense environment for studying, and the downtime that sport provides has definitely helped me relax and consequently perform better in my studies.’
Laurence, Physics
A degree from the University of Oxford is highly valued by prospective employers. However, at Pembroke we know that your future employability also depends on developing practical skills and having the chance to pursue other interests alongside your course.

As reflected in this prospectus, we aim to support a wide range of interests. For example, we create opportunities for students to hold committee positions across the College and, by the provision of travel grants, we enable students to travel abroad to enhance their academic studies.

Pembroke students can speak to individuals working across all kinds of careers and also have access to specialist advisers, who can act as mentors during their time in Oxford.

Alumni Contacts

Pembrokians are part of a dynamic global network of alumni and friends. A majority of past students remain in touch with College, and many are actively involved in supporting our ongoing activities. From day one you are invited to be part of this wider community as we encourage students to attend alumni networking events during their time at College, and beyond.

Our Development Team organise alumni events as well as special careers sessions for Pembroke’s students. They are also able to connect them with alumni in various careers or particular organisations, in order to gain bespoke careers advice and guidance.

University Resources

As a member of the University of Oxford, students can access some amazing resources, such as the Careers Service who can help you to find internship opportunities, and also offer professional CV advice and careers guidance. Throughout the academic year they run regular events and seminars, and can tell you about major graduate employers who will be in Oxford for recruitment visits.
Some students enjoy their time at Pembroke so much that they decide to stay. Katerina chose to continue life in academic research, and has received significant media attention for her research papers on pain tolerance, and how “gut feelings” really do exist. She has also worked with the BBC on a show all about the latest science of the human body.

’Sofriendly, welcoming and enthusiastic... that’s why I applied here (and why I chose to stay another four years for my DPhil)’

Katerina,
BA Biological Sciences, DPhil Bioscience

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An innovator

Michelle Peluso is Senior Vice President and Marketing Officer for IBM, and sits on the Board of Directors for Nike. She’s lent her business acumen to many successful organisations, including Gilt (an online shopping portal for designer brands), Citigroup and Travelocity, where she was CEO. She says that PPE at Pembroke “was a natural fit for my curiosity”.

A humanitainer

After his degree in Theology, Emmett Fitzgerald won a Fulbright scholarship to study a Masters in International Affairs. He worked for Deloitte before moving into humanitarian work, running emergency healthcare and housing programs in the DRC and Haiti. He’s now Director of the Contemplative-Based Resilience Project, advocating on behalf of humanitarian relief workers.

A film producer

Experimental Psychology and Philosophy graduate Michael Berliner was named as one of Screen International’s 2014 ‘Stars of Tomorrow’. His career has consistently been recognised through a range of nominations and awards - including a BAFTA nomination for his short film Emotional Fusebox, which he later extended into a feature.

A conservationist

During her degree in Biological Sciences, Dr Claire Petros specialised in marine ecology. She developed a passion for conservation, and after graduating she trained as a veterinarian. She is now Lead Veterinarian Surgeon at The Olive Ridley Project in the Maldives, rescuing and rehabilitating injured sea turtles. For a while she was the only vet in the country! She also runs talks for children from local schools on care and conservation of these beautiful animals.
CHOOSE A VIBRANT COLLEGE...

With a mix of beautiful historic buildings and clean, modern spaces, Pembroke is a bridge between the old and the new.

With buildings from the 17th to the 21st Century, Pembroke reflects a wide history of architectural styles. A striking glass bridge connects our historic quads to Rokos Quad, the modern extension built in 2013. All buildings offer excellent teaching and communal facilities, including spaces where you can run your own events!

With four main quads, we’re a medium-sized college in a great central location. The atmosphere’s cosy and friendly, but not stifling - there’ll always be someone around to talk to, especially out on the grass during summer term.

See it for yourself
Aside from visiting Pembroke in person, the best way to explore College is to watch our Virtual Open Day! In the 10-minute video tour, our students will show you around key areas of College, and talk about what it’s like here.

www.pmb.ox.ac.uk/virtual-open-day

Planning to cycle?
Pembroke has its own secure on-site bike storage, for you to keep bikes in term and over the holidays. You can cycle to most subject departments and libraries in 5 minutes!

‘Pembroke was my first choice College. I stayed at here on the UNIQ summer school and instantly felt at home. I liked the mix of pretty old buildings and the more modern feel of the new build.’
Rhiannon, Experimental Psychology

TAKE A TOUR

1 Old Quad
Our ‘first’ quad, and the first place you’ll see when you come to Pembroke. You’ll find most of our support staff in offices in this area.

2 Chapel Quad
Home of the garden party, College Ball and summer sunbathing. A great place to revise in the sunshine, or just people-watch.

3 Rokos Quad
Our newest quad, with state-of-the-art teaching spaces, an auditorium, our very own café and an outdoor space where students put on plays during the summer term.

4 North Quad
North Quad is a mix of architectural styles that span several centuries, this is where lots of student accommodation is located alongside several seminar rooms.
...IN THE HEART OF IT ALL

In a compact city, Pembroke's so central that everything you need is on your doorstep...

5 MINUTE WALK
1. Christ Church Meadow - Perfect for picnics or exploring by boat
2. Westgate Centre - 125+ shops, restaurants, supermarket and cinema
3. Modern Art Oxford - World-class contemporary exhibitions
4. G&Ds ice cream parlour! - Locally-renowned, just round the corner
5. Carfax Tower - The unofficial ‘centre’ of Oxford
6. The Covered Market - Home of amazing local crafts and food

10 MINUTE WALK
7. Oxford Playhouse - Contemporary live theatre, dance and music
8. The Ashmolean - The world’s first university museum
9. The Rad Cam, Bodleian & Weston - Three iconic, beautiful libraries

15 MINUTE WALK
10. Oxford Rail Station - Well-connected to major UK cities
11. Pitt Rivers and Natural History Museum - A wealth of history, and important artefacts from around the world
12. Our Boathouse - Where Pembroke rowers train down on the river
13. Botanic Gardens - A corner of tropical paradise in the city
We think you’ll love it here. But don’t just take it from us...

...hear it from our students.

Take a tour with current students on our ‘Virtual Open Day’
Hear students describe our disability support and welfare
Listen to students talk about what it’s like studying their course

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