

Graduate Study at Oxford



Pembroke College: A Tour

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AUDIO	VISUAL
Music - plays throughout.	Pembroke College
	Pembroke's old quad on a sunny day.
- Hi I'm Hannah, and welcome to Pembroke College. I'm a DPhil student here studying English and Italian.	Student Hannah standing in Old Quad.
- And I'm Louis, I'm a DPhil student studying History.	Student Louis standing in Old Quad, next to Hannah.
	Pembroke rooftops, with Christ Church's Tom Tower in the distance.
- Pembroke is one of the older colleges in Oxford, it was founded in 1624,	Pembroke's old quad on a sunny day.
and there are around 400 undergraduate students, and also 250 graduate students who study here.	Student Hannah standing in Old Quad.
So we have in Old Quad these markings on the doorways	Hannah and Louis walking through Old Quad.
which show rowing competitions that the college has won in the past.	Above a doorway in Old Quad, a marking that reads 'Double Headship Summer Eights 2003'.
And rowing is really really big at Pembroke, a lot of graduate students take part.	Hannah in Old Quad.
	A marking on a wall that reads 'Head of the River'.
There are also many many other sports and societies	A marking above a doorway that reads 'Ladies 1st Eight'
which are available to graduate students in Pembroke.	Hannah in Old Quad.
	A student walking through Old Quad.
- So we're standing here beneath the MCR common room,	Hannah and Louis walking through Old Quad.

and it's a real, sort of, social hub for the whole community, and it's a very, er, very broad community, erm, Pembroke MCR has people studying pretty much all of the subjects here in Oxford, we don't specialise in any particular area, which is fantastic when you can meet people doing a whole range of things,	Louis in Old Quad.
it's really inspiring to talk to	Looking through an archway into another quad, with a student sat on the grass.
and we're also I guess diverse in terms of the subjects we have, but also in the kind of backgrounds we try to recruit from, we're really keen to, erm, make sure that everybody's represented here, we have new scholarships for BAME students, and we're working all the time to improve our access programmes for graduate study.	Louis in Old Quad.
	Hannah and Louis walking through a doorway from Old Quad.
- So this is the MCR or the graduate common room.	A wood panelled room, with brown leather sofas, coffee table, two lamps and cushions scattered about.
So we hold many many events in this space,	A close up of a photograph of Pembroke College, hanging on the wall in the MCR.
a minimum of three events a week in term time, and we have brunches in this room, we have, um, drinks receptions, second dessert after formal,	Hannah in the MCR.
we also hold our committee meetings in here,	A close up of a stack of magazines on the coffee table.
so currently I'm the MCR president,	A wood panelled room, with brown leather sofas, coffee table, two lamps and cushions scattered about.
and we like to think of it as the living room of the community, and you can just come anytime, it's open 24/7.	Hannah in the MCR.
	Looking from the window of the MCR into Old Quad, with two students walking through a doorway.
- So there's a few Pembrokiens through history that we're proud of,	A poster hanging in a frame on the wall of the MCR, advertising the exhibition 'Drawings from The Hobbit by J.R.R Tolkien' from 1987.
probably best known is J.R.R Tolkien,	A close up of a framed handwritten letter on the wall of the MCR.

who taught here for, er, at least 20 years. We've got a letter from him, er, on the wall here, sort of explaining how he's got a book coming out, er, called The Hobbit,	Louis in the MCR.
which he thinks is going to be quite successful.	A close up of a framed handwritten letter on the wall of the MCR.
	Hannah and Louis walking through the MCR.
So this is the the Blue Room,	Part of the Blue Room, showing bookcases with books, DVDs, a television, cupboards, and stuffed Pink Panther toy in the corner.
where we have lots of events, er, including BOPs, film nights, video game tournaments, er, and of course bar night. So behind this hatch is the Rose & Thistle,	Louis in the Blue Room.
the famous Pembroke MCR Bar,	Part of the Blue Room, showing a brown leather sofa and wingback chair, stools, and hatch to the bar.
it's a really lovely place to come and hang out, very relaxed.	Close up of the bar hatch, with a blackboard reading Rose & Thistle.
And it's worth pointing out too that our events run all year round, although terms here in Oxford are quite short, quite intense, er, we know that lots of graduate students are going to be here during the holidays too, so the bar is open pretty much, um, every week and we also, for example, in the summer vacation do summer trips, um, to various places around the UK. Um, so, however long you're here in Pembroke, there'll always be something going on in and around the MCR.	Louis in the Blue Room.
- So we also have inside the common room a small kitchen,	In the kitchen, showing various utensils, coffee machine, kettle and microwave.
which is very convenient because we're also right next to the college library, so it's very, um, very frequently used as a space to come up and have a quick break or have your lunch.	Hannah in the Blue Room.
	Looking from the window of the MCR into Old Quad.
	Hannah walking through a doorway.
	Hannah and Louis walking through Old Quad and an archway into Chapel Quad.
So this is Chapel Quad, which is the largest quad in college,	Hannah in Chapel Quad.
and as you can see in the summer	Four students sitting on the grass in front of some old buildings in Chapel Quad.

we're allowed to go on the grass, so this can be used for picnics and croquet,	Chapel Quad on a sunny day, with students sitting on the grass.
and it's also the location where we have the drinks reception before our Trinity term banquet. The banquet is the biggest event in the Pembroke social calendar for graduates, we have one every term and it's a black tie three course dinner in our hall.	Hannah in Chapel Quad.
	Hannah and Louis walking through Chapel Quad, with the dining hall in the distance.
- So we're standing here outside the main hall, um, for the college, er, which is	Louis in Chapel Quad.
where there are formal dinners twice a week, on average,	Close up of a sign reading 'The Hall' and 'Forte Room'
which you can come to if you want to, completely optional,	Stairway leading up to the Dining Hall
which are a chance to get some really good food,	Inside the Dining Hall, with wood panelling, wooden tables with a high table at the end of the room, and numerous portraits hanging on the walls.
er, we also have exchange dinners here, really popular event with other colleges,	Stained glass windows in the Dining Hall.
er, and once a year we also have, er, the exchange with our sister college in Cambridge, Queens College, er, they come to, er, here to us and then we go and visit them, which is always a really fun day.	Louis in Chapel Quad.
So it sounds like a lot of eating, if you want to, sort of,	Close up of the Pembroke College shield inside the Dining Hall.
work off some of that food	Inside the Dining Hall, with wood panelling, wooden tables with a high table at the end of the room, and numerous portraits hanging on the walls, and light coming through the stained glass windows.
we do also have, erm, a regular event, the Master's ramble, a ramble with the, er, Master of the college, where we go walking in the countryside.	Louis in Chapel Quad.
Underneath the hall is the Hall Bar	Plants growing around a wooden doorway and windows on a building in Chapel Quad.
is the Hall Bar,	A lamp above a doorway in Chapel Quad.
which is open for all members of the college and is a really nice space.	Louis in Chapel Quad.

	Chapel Quad on a sunny day, with students sitting on the grass.
- So at this point we're leaving the old part of college,	Hannah walking through Chapel Quad.
and to do so,	Chapel Quad.
	Hannah walking through Chapel Quad.
we come through and over this bridge,	Plants and a pathway, with a modern glass panelled footbridge in the distance
going over into Rokos Quad, which is the new part of college.	A wood and glass footbridge.
	A close up of 'The Rokos Quad' engraved into a wall.
The room that we're going to see is just up here.	Hannah in Rokos Quad.
	A modern brick and stone building, with plants in the foreground.
	Hannah walking through a corridor.
	Looking out at the dining hall and Chapel Quad from a window in a bedroom.
So this is one of the graduate accommodation rooms on the main site in college.	Inside a bedroom, with a single bed, two chairs, desk and shelves.
It's in one of the new buildings, so everything has been completed in the last few years. All of the graduate rooms on main site have ensuite bathrooms, and they're also currently building, um, another, um, set of graduate rooms in our annexe building which is about 10 minutes away.	Hannah in a bedroom.
	A student studying in the sunshine on a patio in Rokos Quad.
	Louis walking down some stairs in Rokos Quad.
	Looking down onto a patio area with tables and chairs outside.
- So this is Farthings, our wonderful café, and it's	Chairs and Tables outside in Rokos Quad, with large glass windows where the cafe is, and doors in the distance.
a really great place to come meet friends, do a little bit of studying, whilst also, er, having a coffee, and the breakfasts, er, fry up's definitely to be recommended.	Louis in Rokos Quad.
Behind me is through to the Pichette Auditorium, the main lecture hall in college,	A modern stone corridor, with wood panelling on one side with a sign reading Pichette Auditorium.

but we have other events here too, um, I mentioned earlier that we're quite proud of Tolkien, er, once a year for example the MCR, er, with others collaborates to run a, sort of, a lecture where we invite a leading fantasy author to come in and talk about, er, the genre, so that's always a really fun, er, event.	Louis in Rokos Quad.
	Hannah and Louis walking over a bridge and through into Chapel Quad.
- I wonder if we can see the ducks...	Chapel Quad.
Around somewhere in the summer, in the spring, there's always ducks and ducklings, um, around here somewhere.	Hannah in Chapel Quad.
	Plants and a bench along the side of Chapel Quad.
So the college also provides welfare support, so we have a dedicated member of college staff who works on welfare projects.	Hannah in Chapel Quad.
We also have the Junior Deans,	Chapel Quad with the Dining Hall in the distance.
	Buildings in Chapel Quad with a church spire in the distance.
and the MCR itself has three Welfare Reps	Pembroke's Chapel from Chapel Quad.
organise welfare teas, and offer support to any student who, um, would like it.	Hannah in Chapel Quad.
	Looking through an archway into Old Quad.
	Hannah and Louis walking through Old Quad.
So we're just outside the library	External shot of the library.
which is open 24/7,	Close up of 'The McGowin Library' engraved into a stone wall.
and the college librarian can help to source books if you need them for your research.	Hannah outside the library.
We also have a twice weekly writing group	A desk and bookcases inside the library.
where you can come and work in a supportive environment	A student walking through the library, surrounded by bookcases.

with other graduate students, and once a term we hold a research symposium in the MCR where you can come and hear your fellow students give a short presentation on their research.	Hannah outside the library.
- So for extra academic support, er,	Inside the library, looking up through a skylight, with two bookcases and a large painting on the wall.
you also have, erm, one of the fellows is appointed as your college advisor, and you can go to them for help. We also have some financial support in terms of um, sort of, funding you can apply for, for um, to put on research events,	Louis outside the library.
to do travel for your research.	Looking through an archway to an old stone building
	Plants growing around an old stone building, and part of the library.
	Hannah and Louis walking through an archway into Old Quad.
	Part of the buildings and grass in Chapel Quad.
I think it's very much a goldilocks porridge kind of college,	Chapel Quad on a sunny day, with students sitting on the grass.
it's not too not too huge, you don't get swamped, not too small, it's not claustrophobic, er, not too old, not too young, and yeah just right bang in the middle of things and right bang in the middle of Oxford, so I think it's a fantastic place to be.	Louis in Old Quad.
	End screen with Pembroke College and University of Oxford logos, and links to websites.