

Conferences & Events at **Christ's College**



Welcome to Christ's College, Cambridge

Set within the heart of one of the world's most renowned university cities, Christ's College offers a unique blend of historic character and modern facilities. Founded in 1505 and home to famous alumni including Charles Darwin and John Milton, the College provides an inspiring setting for conferences, meetings, summer schools, private dining, and residential stays.

Nestled among beautiful gardens and centuries old architecture. Christ's College combines historic character with versatile event spaces and comfortable accommodation.

We look forward to welcoming you to Christ's College Hospitality and helping you create a successful and unforgettable event.



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Private Dining at Christ's College

Create a memorable dining experience in the historic surroundings of Christ's College. From intimate dinners and receptions to larger banquets and celebrations, our elegant dining spaces and talented catering team provide the perfect setting for every occasion.

At Christ's College, our menus are carefully crafted using high-quality, seasonal ingredients sourced from trusted local suppliers wherever possible. We are committed to delivering exceptional dining experiences while supporting sustainable practices.

Our experienced catering team is highly skilled in accommodating a wide range of dietary requirements, including allergens, as well as religious and cultural preferences, ensuring every guest can dine with confidence and enjoyment.



Conferences and Summer Schools

Whether you are planning a board meeting, training session, conference, summer school, or corporate event, our versatile spaces can accommodate a wide range of requirements.

Facilities include the impressive Yusuf Hamied Theatre for larger presentations and lectures, flexible Seminar Rooms for meetings and workshops, the Plumb Auditorium for conferences and talks, and a selection of smaller meeting rooms for breakout sessions and private discussions.

Beyond the meeting room, delegates can enjoy the College's historic courts, beautiful gardens, and centuries-old architecture, creating a memorable backdrop for networking, collaboration, and informal discussions in one of Cambridge's most iconic locations.

With on-site catering, comfortable accommodation (out-of-term-time), and dedicated event support, Christ's College offers everything needed to deliver a successful event in one of Cambridge's most historic locations.

Group Accommodation

Our accommodation (available out-of-term-time) offers a comfortable and affordable base in the heart of Cambridge. The College offers a range of room types and easy access to the City's attractions, making it ideal for conference delegates, summer schools and educational visits.

Explore the following pages to discover our range of flexible spaces, each offering a unique setting for your event.

A modern new facility completed in 2023, the Yusuf Hamied Court has been built at the back of the College with the meeting rooms overlooking The Darwin Garden.

Dimensions

4m x 6m = 24m²
Height = 2.3m

Layout Options

Boardroom 8

Room Facilities

100" Touch Screen Monitor
Wi-fi throughout
Built in Windows Computer
Speakers and Mics
Air Conditioning

Location

The Seminar Room is located on the ground floor, Staircase One, New Court.

Fire Assembly Point

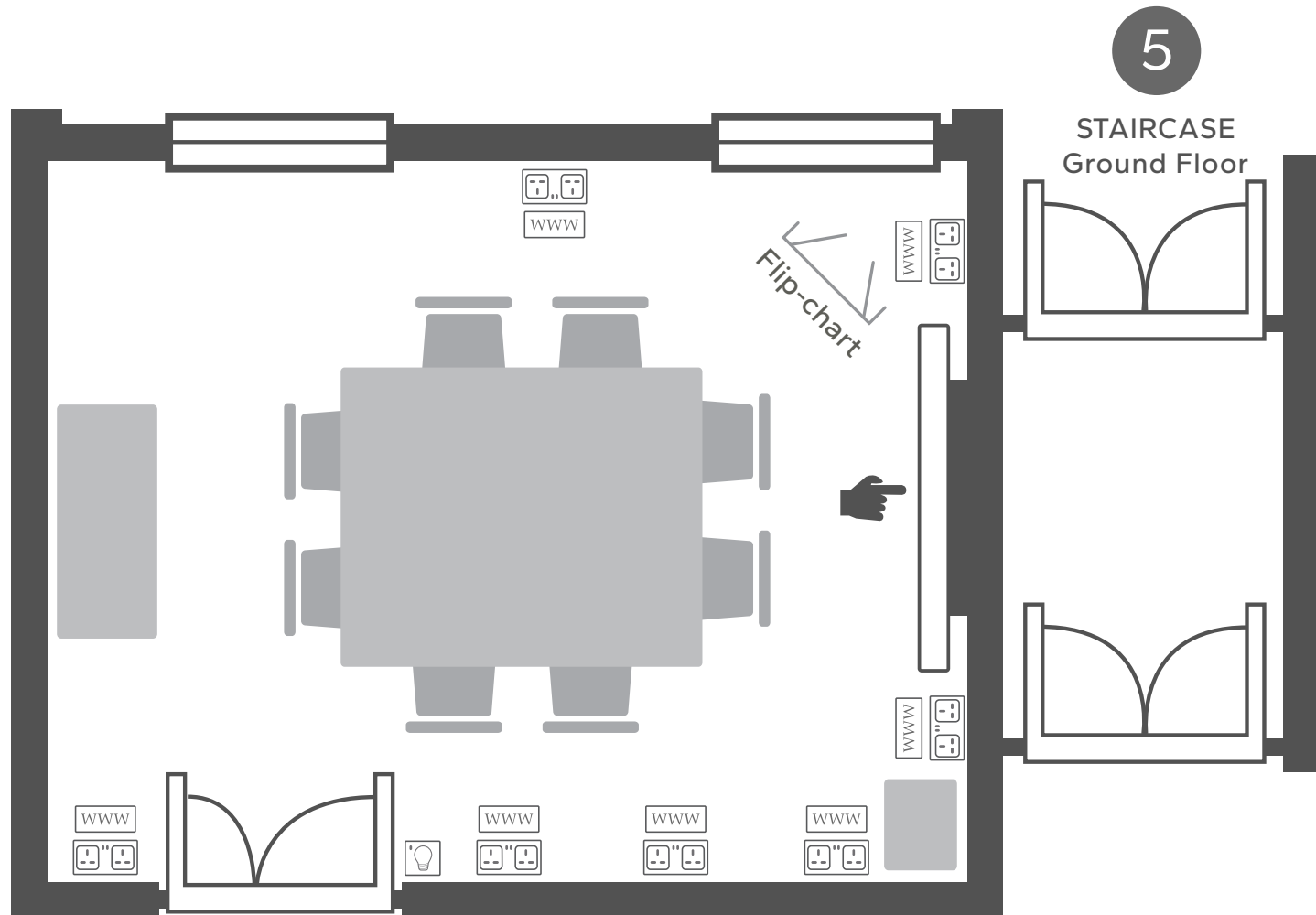
In the unlikely event of a fire, please note the Fire Assembly Point for the Seminar Room is on the Third Court Lawn.

Accessibility

Seminar Room 1 is located on the ground floor, Staircase Five, Yusuf Hamied Court. There is level access into the building from Fourth Court. The building is connected to the Todd Building; however, access between the two buildings involves steps. Step-free access to the Todd Building is available via the main lift in Yusuf Hamied Court.

**Free Wi-Fi****8 Seats****Natural Light****Digital Screen****Air conditioning**

Room Layout



Seminar Rooms 2 or 3 in Yusuf Hamied Court are two areas that can either function as one large conference room or two distinct spaces suitable for smaller meetings. When divided, they become mirror images of each other.

Dimensions

7m x 6m = 42m²
Height = 2.3m

Layout Options 2 or 3

Boardroom 20 Theatre 40
U-Shape 12 Classroom 12

Room Facilities

100" Touch Screen Monitor
Wi-fi throughout
Built in Windows Computer
Speakers and Microphones
Privacy Blinds
Air Conditioning – Heating and Cooling

Layout Options 2 and 3

Boardroom 20
Theatre 90
U shape 18
Classroom 20



Location

Seminar Rooms 2&3 are located on the ground floor, Staircase Five, Yusuf Hamied Court.

Fire Assembly Point

In the unlikely event of a fire, please note the Fire Assembly Point for Seminar Room 1 is on the Yusuf Hamied Court Lawn.

Accessibility

Seminar Rooms 2&3 are located on the ground floor, Staircase Five, Yusuf Hamied Court. There is level access into the building from Fourth Court. The building is connected to the Todd Building; however, access between the two buildings involves steps. Step-free access to the Todd Building is available via the main lift in Yusuf Hamied Court.



Digital Screen



Free Wi-Fi



40 Seats
(Up to 90 when combined)



Natural Light

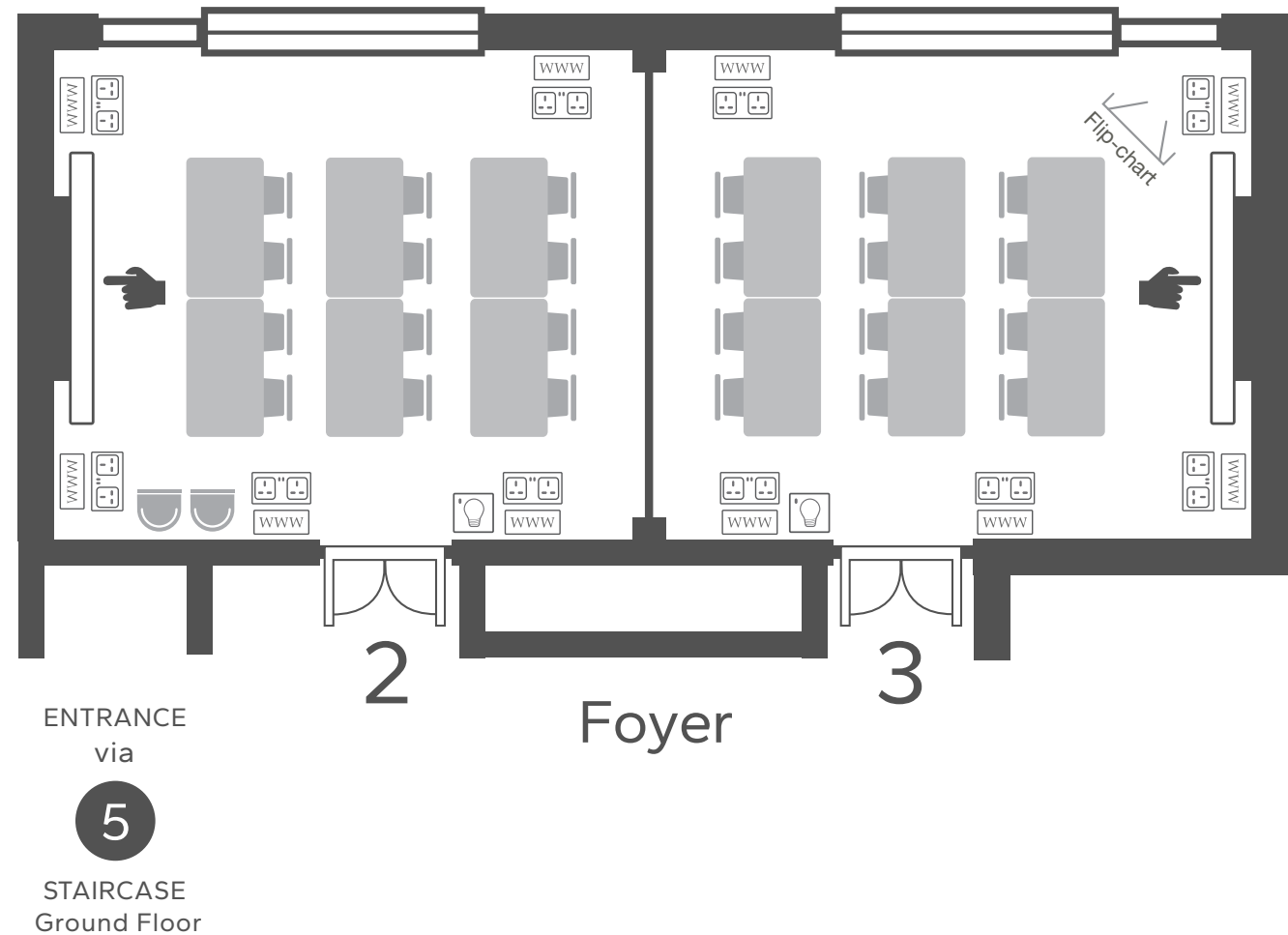


Air conditioning

History

Yusuf Hamied Court at Christ's College, is a recent addition to the College, completed in 2023. Funded by Dr Yusuf Hamied and his wife, it provides modern accommodation and academic spaces, reflecting the College's ongoing development and expansion.

Room Layout



The Yusuf Hamied Theatre, located in the Yusuf Hamied Centre in New Court, is a stylish and contemporary auditorium designed for impactful events. The space seats 119 delegates in theatre style, with capacity for up to 130 using additional freestanding seating, offering flexibility for lectures, presentations, conferences, and performances.

Equipped with modern audiovisual technology and an air-cooling system, the theatre provides a comfortable and fully supported environment for both speakers and audiences.

Dimensions

13m x 10m = 130m²

Stage = 4m x 10m = 40m²

Height = 4.15m

Layout Options

Theatre style 130

(inc. freestanding chairs)

Room Facilities

WiFi

PA System

Data Projector

DVD Player

Laser Pointer

Flipchart Pad & Pens



Location

The Theatre is located in the Yusuf Hamied Centre, New Court.

Fire Assembly Point

In the unlikely event of a fire, please note the Fire Assembly Point for the Yusuf Hamied Theatre is on the Third Court Lawn.

Accessibility

Yusuf Hamied Theatre is located on the lower ground floor of the Yusuf Hamied Centre within New Court. There is level access (via lift) when entering the Yusuf Hamied Centre.



AV Ready



Free Wi-Fi



AV Lecturn



PA System



Air conditioning



119 seats
(130 inc. freestanding chairs)



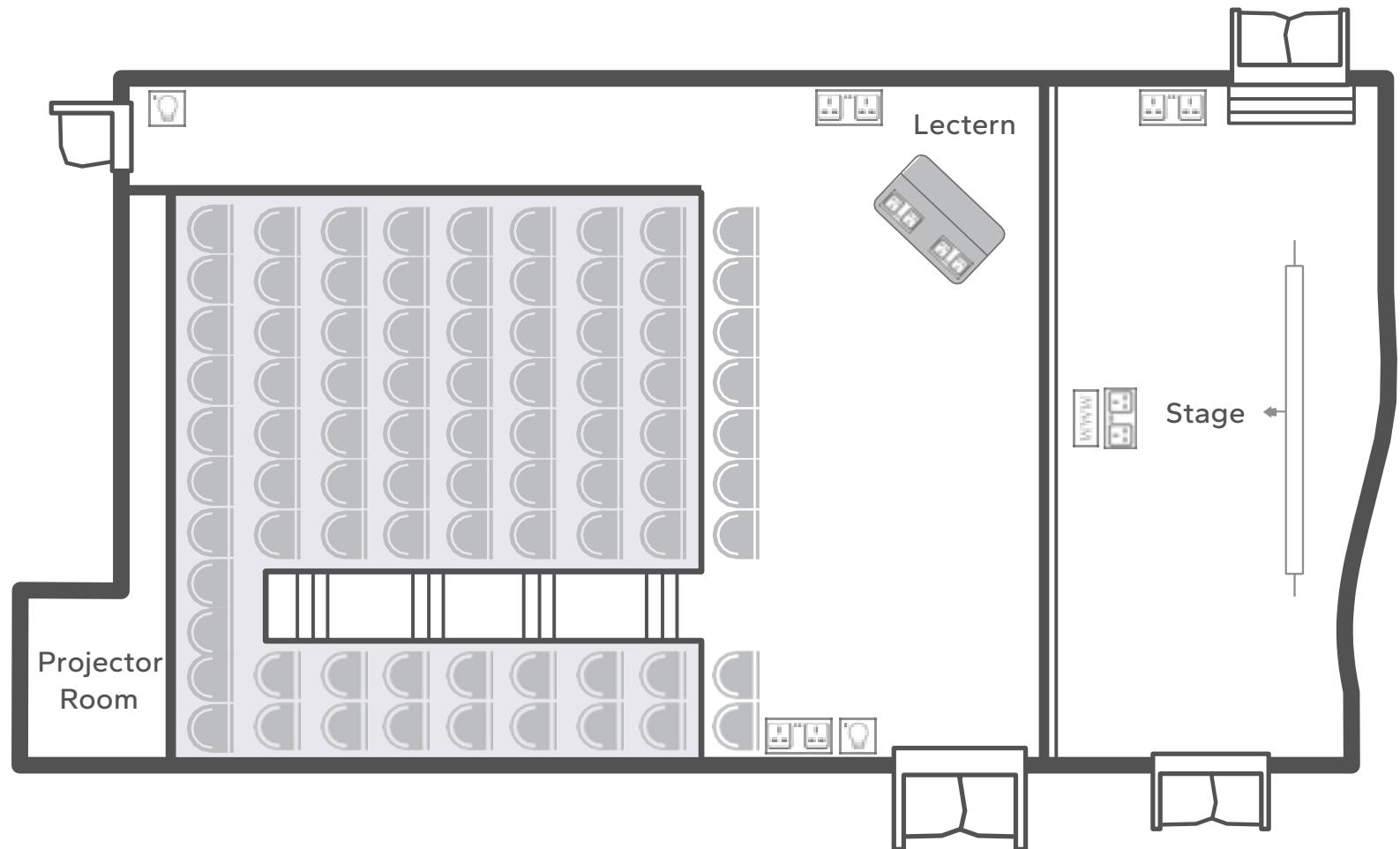
Hearing Loop

History

Originally designed in the early 1960s by renowned architect Sir Denys Lasdun and formerly known as the Lasdun Building, the Centre was beautifully refurbished in 2009 through the generosity of The Yusuf and Farida Hamied Foundation.

Yusuf Hamied, an Honorary Fellow of Christ's College, has helped shape this impressive facility into a welcoming and inspiring venue at the heart of College life.

Room Layout



Located close to the Yusuf Hamied Theatre, this versatile space is ideally suited for conference registration, refreshment breaks, and drinks receptions, as it has its own bar. It can also be used as additional meeting space or as a relaxed breakout area where delegates and guests can unwind and connect throughout the day or evening.

Although situated at basement level, the room is bright and welcoming, with step-free access via a lift between the lower and ground floors, ensuring it is easily accessible for all visitors. An air-cooling system provides a comfortable environment whatever the season.

Dimensions

9m x 14m = 126m²
Height = 2.7m

Layout Options

Quiet, relaxation space 50
'U' shape 24
Refreshments and receptions 10 –120

Room Facilities

Air Conditioning
Quiet Relaxation Space



Location

The Function Room is located in the lower ground floor of the Yusuf Hamied Centre.

Fire Assembly Point

In the unlikely event of a fire, please note the Fire Assembly Point for the Function Room is in the Third Court Lawn.

Accessibility

The Function Room is located on the lower ground floor of the Yusuf Hamied Centre within New Court. There is level access (via lift) to the Function Room when entering the Yusuf Hamied Centre.



**Projector
Facilities**



Free Wi-Fi

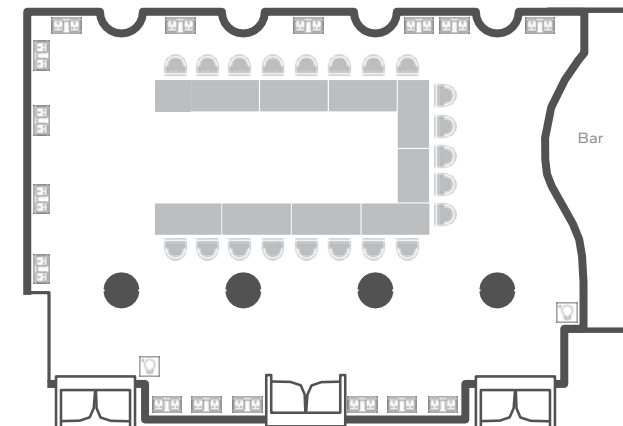
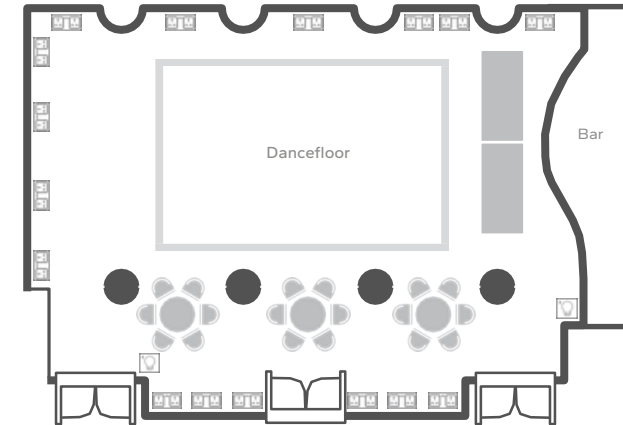
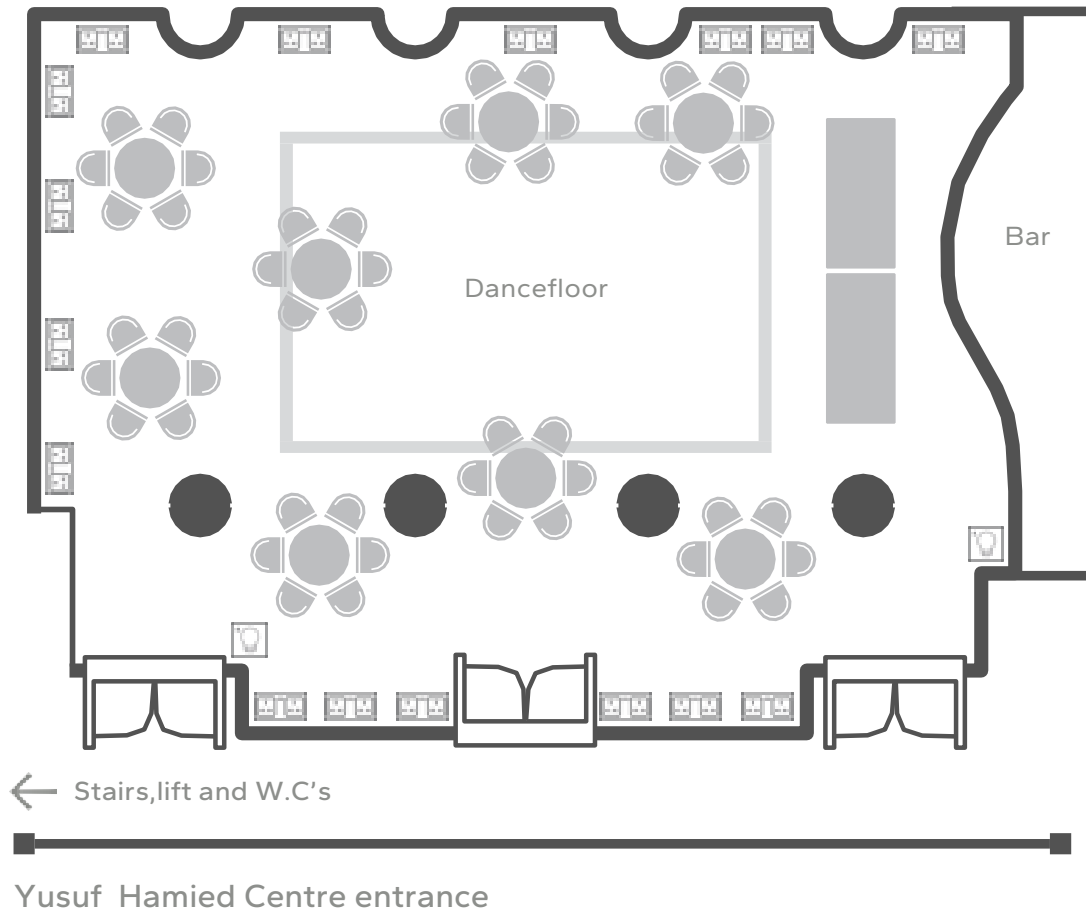


130 Seats



Air conditioning

Room Layouts



JCR (Junior Combination Room)

YUSUF HAMIED CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR

Bright and airy, the room overlooks the peaceful Darwin Garden, creating a relaxed and inspiring setting for meetings and breakout sessions. Located in the Yusuf Hamied Centre (New Court), the JCR serves as the recreational space for junior members of the College during term time.

It comfortably seats up to 24 delegates in a U-shape layout and benefits from an air-cooling system to ensure comfort during the warmer months.

The space is particularly well suited to workshops, informal discussions, small seminars, or as a welcoming breakout room alongside larger events.

Dimensions

11m x 6m = 66m²

Height = 3.3m

Layout Options

'U' shape 24

Theatre 40

Boardroom 16

Room Facilities

Data Projector

Flip Chart, Pads and Pens

Air Cooling System

Laser Pointer



Location

The JCR is located in the Yusuf Hamied Centre, New Court. Ground floor entrance.

Fire Assembly Point

In the unlikely event of a fire, please note the Fire Assembly Point for the JCR is on the Third Court Lawn.

Accessibility

The JCR is located in the Yusuf Hamied Centre, New Court. Ground floor entrance. There is level access to the JCR Room from The Yusuf Hamied Centre ground floor entrance lobby.



**Projector
Facilities**



Free Wi-Fi



40 Seats



Natural Light



Air conditioning

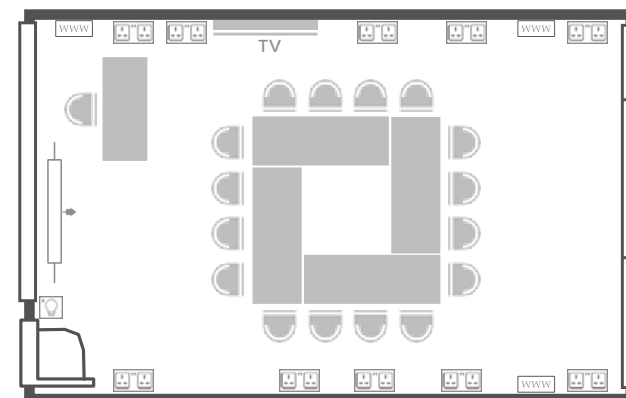
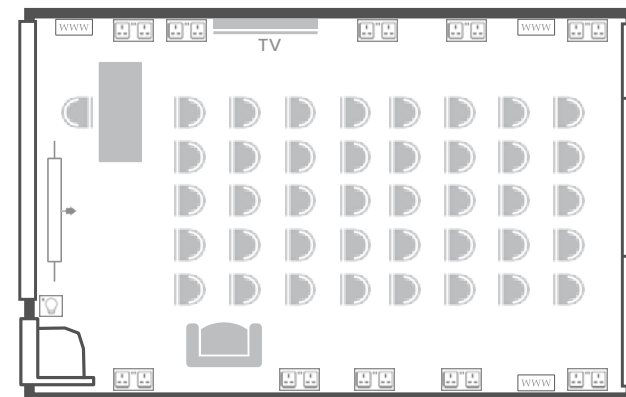
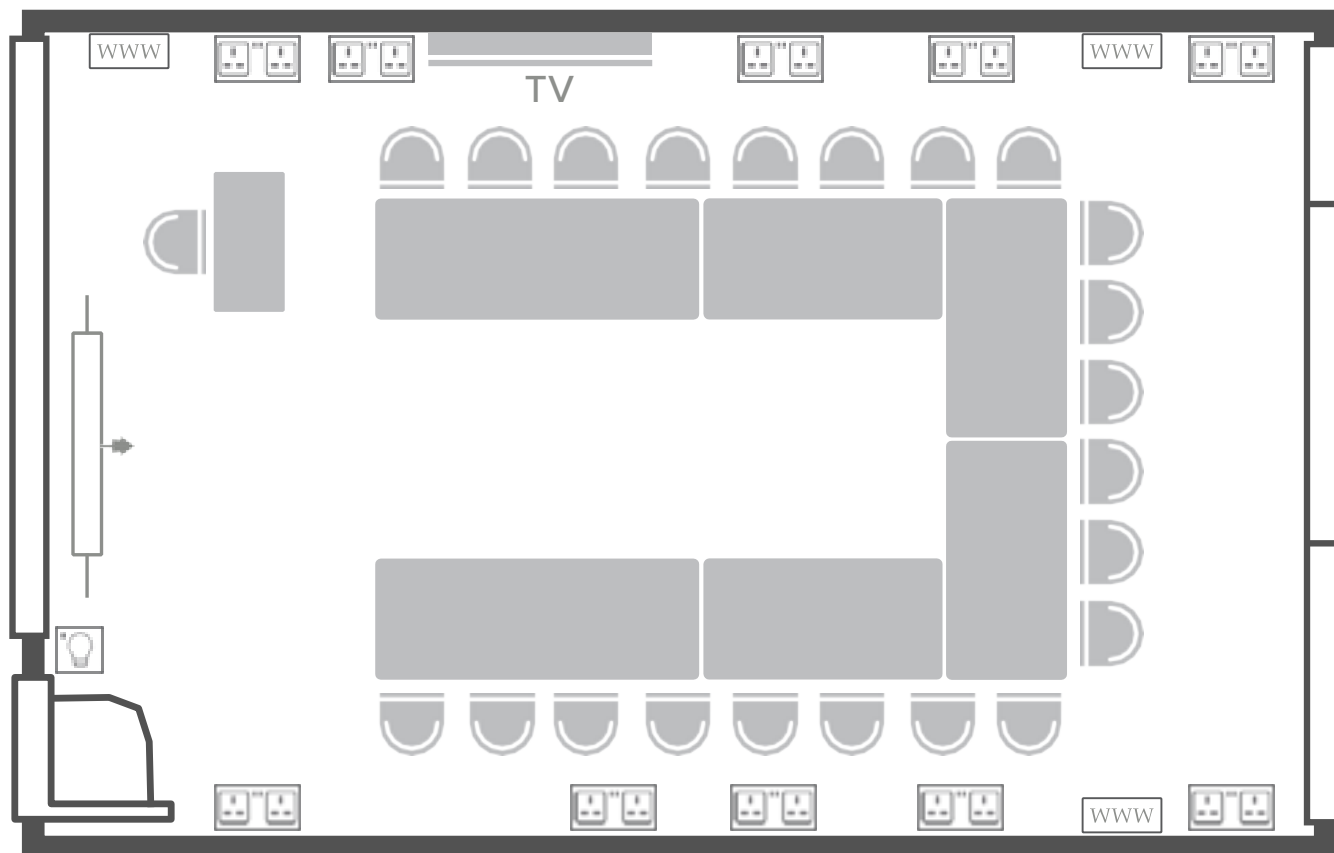


Garden View

JCR (Junior Combination Room)

YUSUF HAMIED CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR

Room Layouts



This welcoming room located in New Court, is well suited to boardroom style meetings or as a flexible breakout space for up to 12 delegates. Its convenient location close to the Yusuf Hamied Theatre and other meeting spaces also makes it an excellent choice for use as a conference office or organiser hub.

With air-cooling to maintain comfort throughout the year, it provides a practical and pleasant environment for a variety of event needs.

Dimensions

7m x 5m = 35m²
Height = 2m

Layout Options

Boardroom 12

Room Facilities

Data Projector
Laser Pointer
Flipchart Pad & Pens
Air Cooling System

**Location**

The Seminar Room is located on the first floor, Staircase One, New Court.

Fire Assembly Point

In the unlikely event of a fire, please note the Fire Assembly Point for the Seminar Room is on the Third Court Lawn.

Accessibility

The Seminar Room is located on the first floor, Staircase One, New Court. Unfortunately, this room does not have step-free access.



**Projector
Facilities**



Free Wi-Fi



8 Seats



Natural Light



Air conditioning

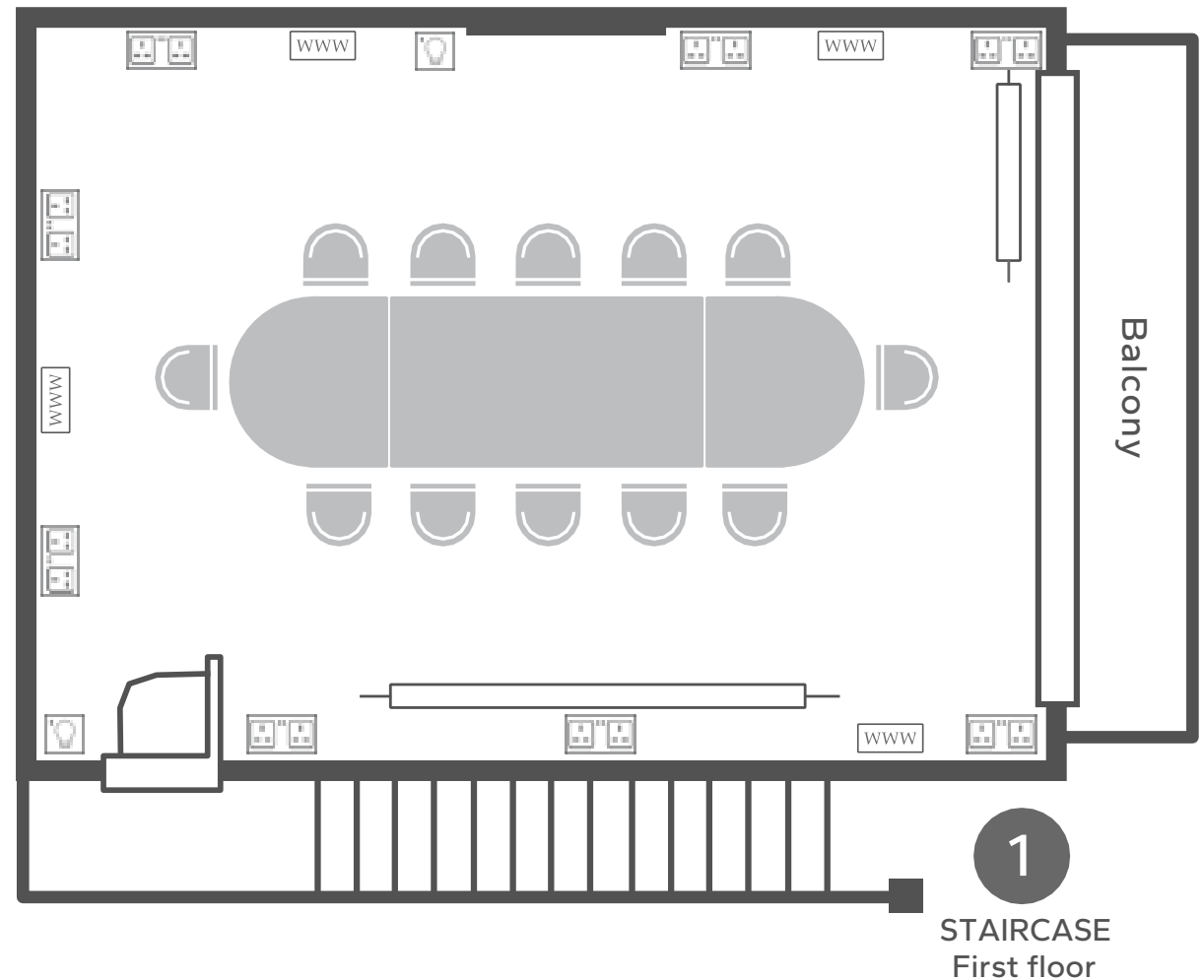
New Court Seminar Room

YUSUF HAMIED COURT

History

The New Court Seminar Room is located within the distinctive New Court building at Christ's College, a striking example of Brutalist architecture designed by Sir Denys Lasdun in 1969–70.

Positioned next to the Darwin Garden, the building is officially known as New Court but is more widely referred to as the "Typewriter" due to its unique, angular design.



This versatile space located in Yusuf Hamied Court is ideal for a variety of meeting formats and conveniently positioned next to the JCR room and Theatre.

It accommodates up to 16 delegates in a boardroom layout, 20 in a U-shaped style and 30 in a theatre set-up making it well-suited to small meeting rooms, seminars and training sessions.

Overlooking the Darwin Garden, the room also benefits from an air-cooling system, ensuring a comfortable environment even during the summer months.

Dimensions

9m x 6m = 54m²
Height = 2.5m

Layout Options

'U' shape 20
Boardroom 16
Theatre 30

Room Facilities

Data Projector
Flip Chart, Pad & Pens
Air Cooling System
Laser Pointer

Location

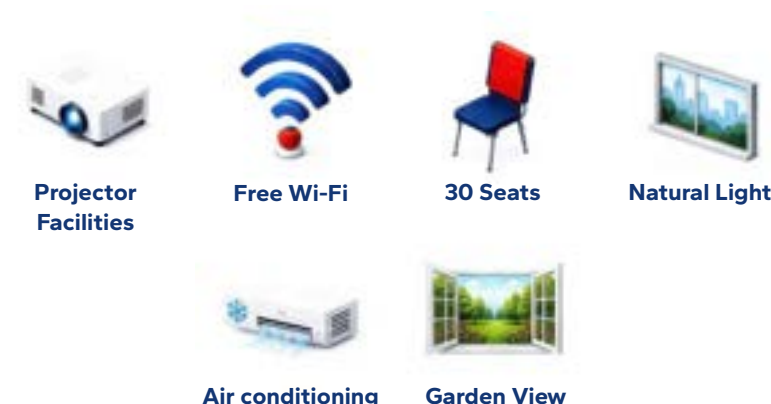
The TV room is located in the Yusuf Hamied Centre, New Court. Ground floor entrance.

Fire Assembly Point

In the unlikely event of a fire, please note the Fire Assembly Point for the TV room is on the Third Court Lawn.

Accessibility

The TV Room is located in the Yusuf Hamied Centre, New Court. There is level access to the TV Room from The Yusuf Hamied Centre ground floor entrance lobby.

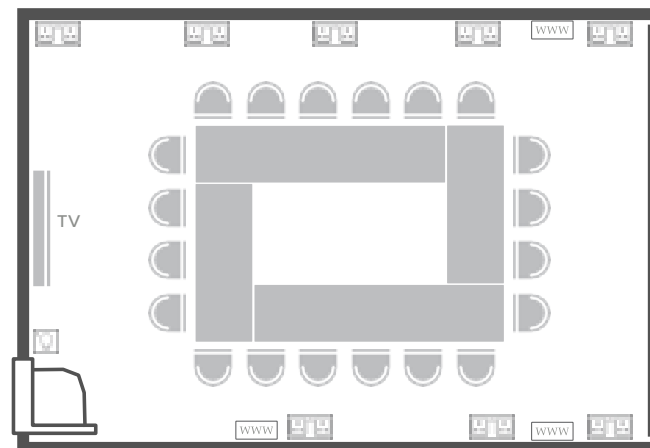
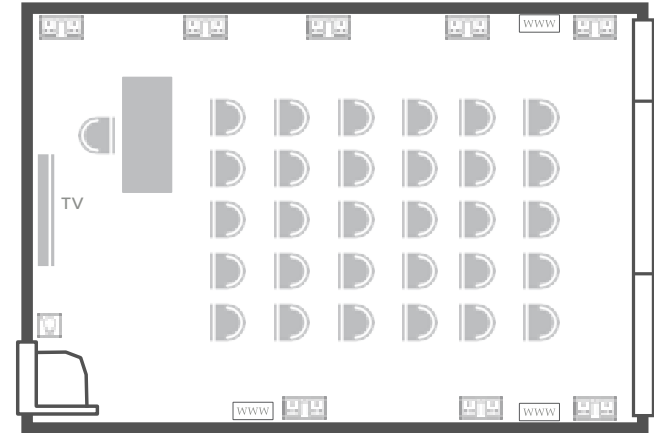
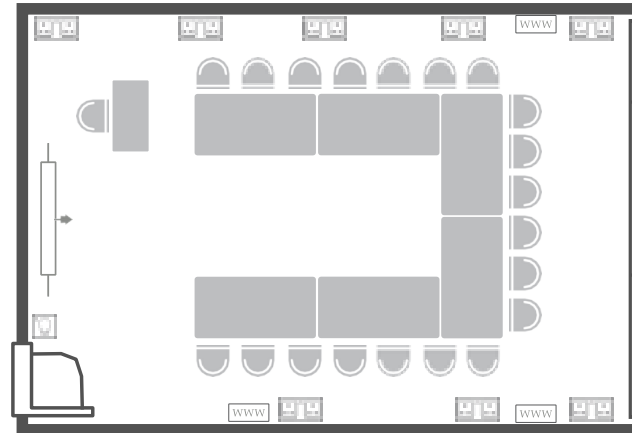


History

The TV Room is located within Yusuf Hamied Centre at Christ's College, which provides student accommodation alongside offices and meeting spaces.

Funded by alumnus Yusuf Hamied, a distinguished scientist and philanthropist, the Centre is named in recognition of his pioneering role in improving access to life-saving medicines, making treatments for diseases such as HIV/AIDS more affordable and widely available.

Room layouts



The Lloyd Room

CONFERENCE ROOM

The Lloyd Room is an attractive, light and airy space located in the Stevenson Building in Third Court and offers excellent flexibility for a range of events.

It can accommodate up to 40 delegates in a theatre-style layout or can be configured for smaller group working in a boardroom or U-shape setup.

The bright and welcoming atmosphere makes it equally well suited as a main teaching space or as a breakout room, supporting a variety of academic and conference needs.

Dimensions

8.8m x 8m = 70.4m²

Height 4.1m

Layout Options

Boardroom 12

Theatre 40

'U' shape boardroom 24

Room Facilities

Data Projector

Laser Pointer

Flipchart Pad & Pens



Location

The Lloyd Room is located in R staircase, Third Court.

Fire Assembly Point

In the unlikely event of a fire, please note the Fire Assembly Point for the TV room is on the Third Court Lawn.

Accessibility

The Lloyd Room is on the ground floor of the R Staircase building, which is located in the North West corner of Third Court. There is level access to The Lloyd Room from the entrance hall of the R Staircase building.



**Projector
Facilities**



Free Wi-Fi



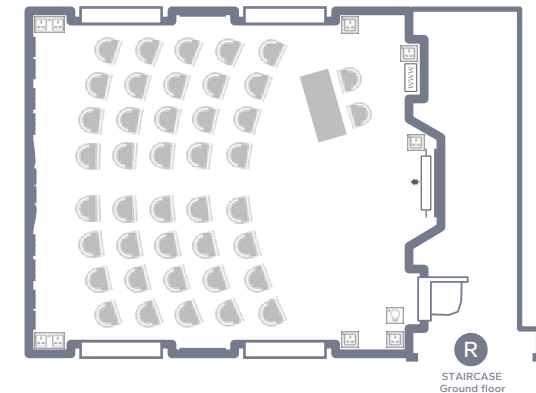
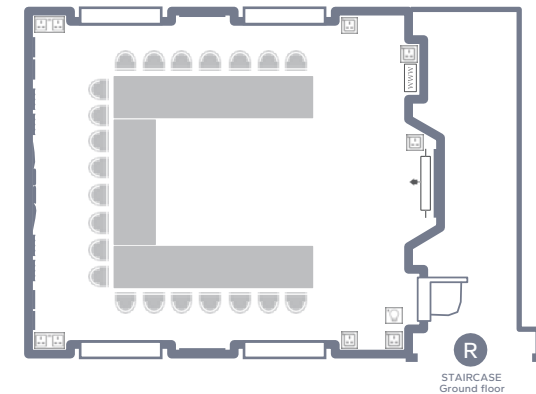
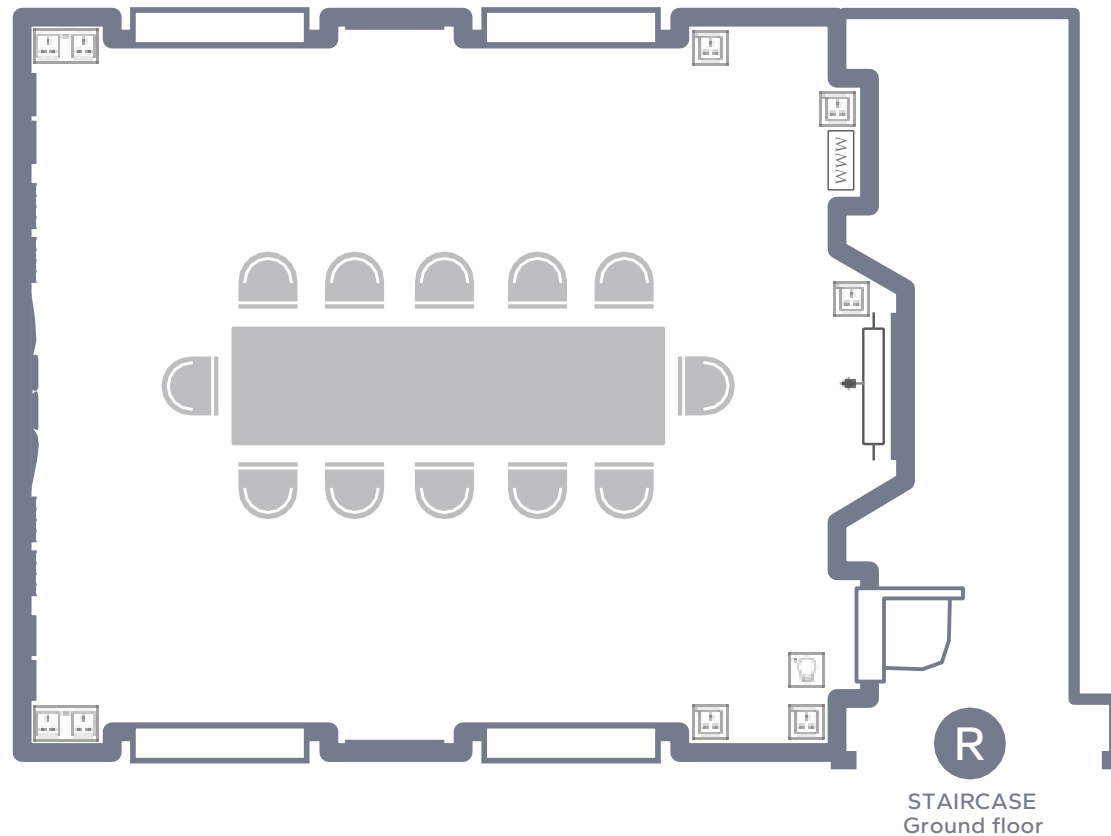
40 Seats



Natural Light

Room Layouts

Outside of the Lloyd Room you can find Third Court, a beautiful court planted with cloud-trimmed yew, salvias and a historic collection of irises.



The Amenity Room is located in the Todd Building, and is particularly well-suited to Summer Schools and academic programmes, offering a flexible environment for teaching and group work.

It can accommodate 25–30 delegates in a U-shape or 20–25 in a boardroom layout, making it ideal for seminars, workshops, and collaborative sessions.

It also makes an excellent breakout space for those using the nearby Plumb Auditorium as their main meeting venue, allowing programmes to run smoothly with a dedicated area for smaller group discussions and activities.

Dimensions

11.5m x 6m = 69m²

Height = 2.3m

Layout Options

'U' shape boardroom 25-35 (max)

Boardroom 20-25

Theatre 40

Room Facilities

Flipchart Pad & Pens

Data Projector

Laser Pointer

WiFi



Location

The Amenity Room is located on the Lower floor of the Todd Building (Z).

Fire Assembly Point

In the unlikely event of a fire, please note the Fire Assembly Point for Amenity Room and Hobson Street Car Park is the fire exit.

Accessibility

The Amenity Room is only accessible by steps via the Todd Building. There is step free access via the Yusuf Hamied Court lift.



**Projector
Facilities**

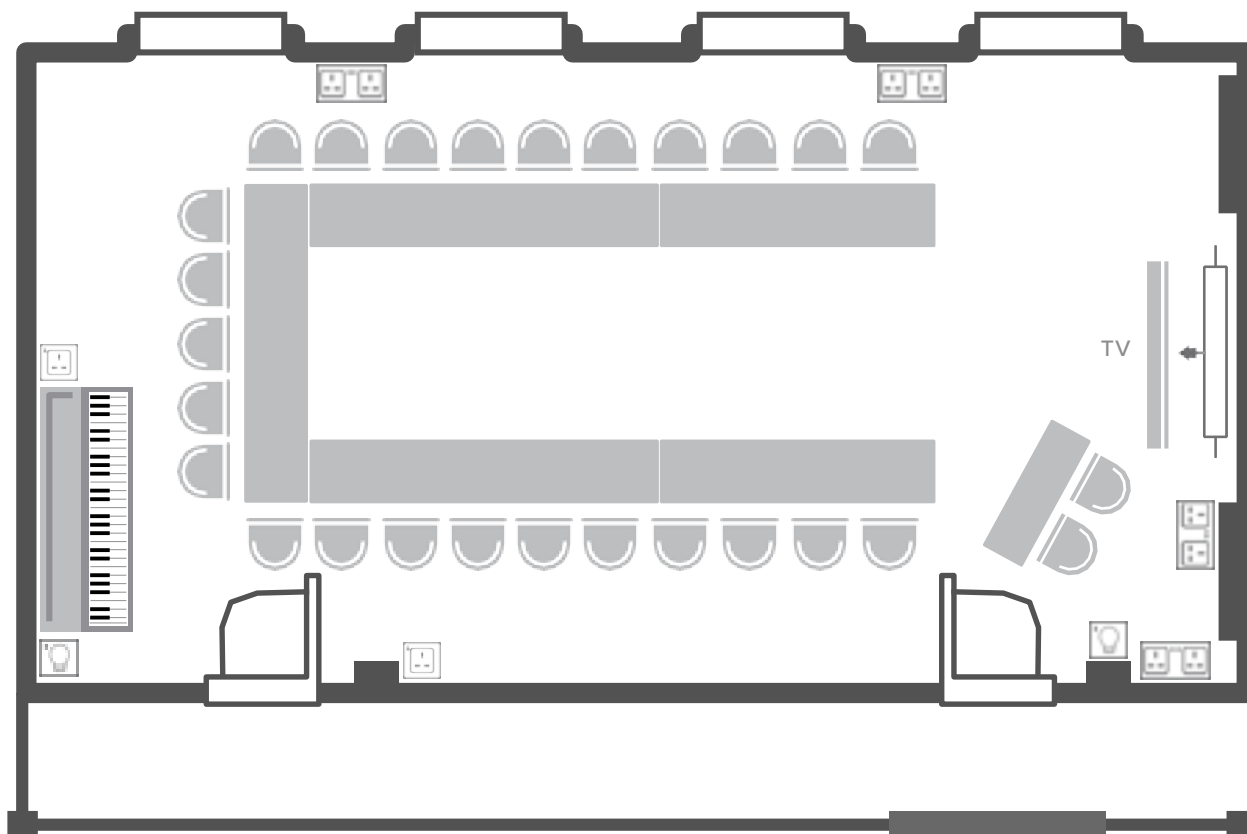


Free Wi-Fi

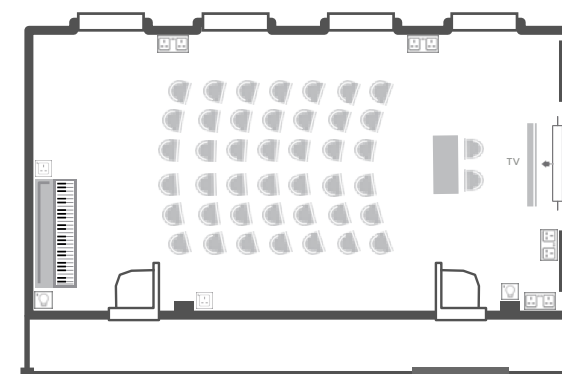
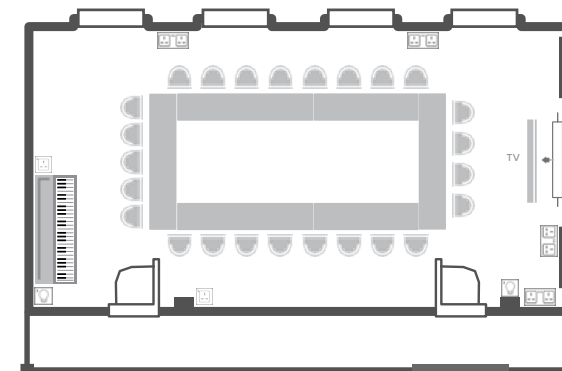


30 Seats

Room Layouts



TODD BUILDING
Lower ground floor



The Plumb Auditorium is a superb and highly versatile space, ideally suited as a main lecture theatre or as a spacious breakout venue. It's high ceilings, excellent acoustics, and air-conditioned comfort provide a bright and welcoming environment for a wide range of academic and professional events.

The room can accommodate up to 55 delegates seated around tables, making it particularly well suited to seminars, workshops, summer schools, and discussion-based sessions that require both space and flexibility.

Dimensions

12m x 13m = 156m²

Height = 6.5m

Layout Options

Classroom Layout 45

Boardroom 45

Theatre 70

Room Facilities

PA System

Data Projector

Laser Pointer

Wi-Fi

Hearing Loop

Location

The Plumb Auditorium is located on the top floor of the Todd Building (Z staircase) with Lift access.

Fire Assembly Point

In the unlikely event of a fire, please note the Fire Assembly Point for the Plumb Auditorium is in the Hobson Street Car Park.

Accessibility

There is step-free access into the Plumb Auditorium via the lift within the Yusuf Hamied Court which can be used to access the second floor of the Todd Building. The Sosnow Room is situated next to the Plumb Auditorium on the second floor.



AV Ready



Free Wi-Fi



55 Seats



PA System



Air conditioning



Hearing Loop



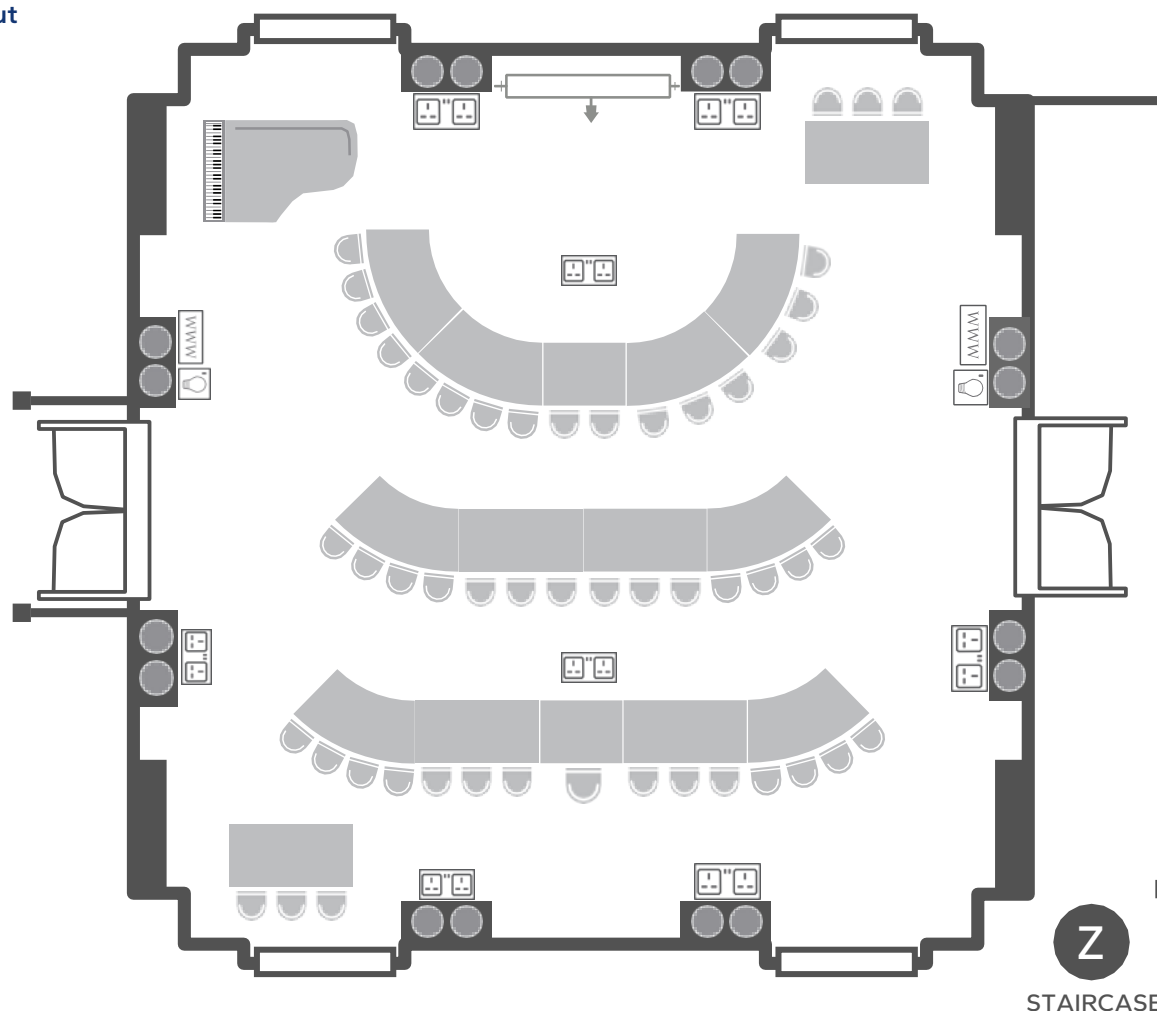
Natural Light

History

This space was originally the Council Chamber of the former County Hall acquired by Christ's College, in 1983 the Auditorium was later named in honour of Sir John Plumb, FBA (1911–2001).

A distinguished historian of modern English history, Sir John was a Fellow of the College from 1946 to 1978 and served as Master from 1978 to 1982. During the Second World War, he worked as an analyst in the ULTRA signals intelligence operation at Bletchley Park, later becoming a leading authority on the Stuart and Georgian periods and a prolific academic writer.

Room Layout



The Sosnow Room is located next to the Plumb Auditorium and is a comfortable boardroom for up to 12 people. Light, airy and welcoming, it's also ideal for serving tea and coffee during breaks between lectures in the Plumb Auditorium.

Dimensions

6.5m x 4.5m = 30m²

Height = 3m

Layout Options

Boardroom 12

Breakout area for refreshments 40 – 50

Room Facilities

Data projector

Flipchart Pad & Pens

Location

The Sosnow Room is located on the top floor of the Todd Building with Lift access.

Fire Assembly Point

In the unlikely event of a fire, please note the Fire Assembly Point for the Sosnow room is Hobson Street Car Park.

Accessibility

The Sosnow Room is situated next to the Plumb Auditorium on the second floor.

There is step-free access into Sosnow Room via the lift within the Yusuf Hamied Court which can be used to access the second floor of the Todd Building.



**Projector
Facilities**



Free Wi-Fi



12 Seats

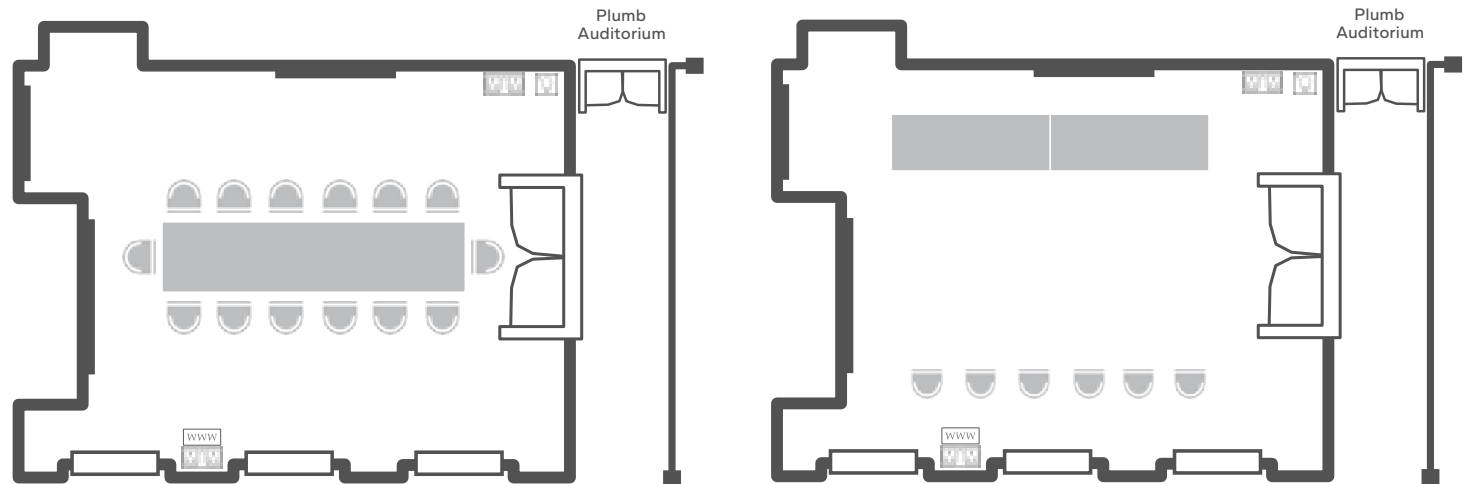
History

The Sosnow Room was named in 1987 in memory of Norman Sosnow, who matriculated in 1962 and graduated in 1965. Tragically he lost his life in an aircraft accident in 1967 at the age of 23.

The Room also commemorates the work and generosity given to Christ's College by his father, Eric Sosnow. Born in Poland, he came to London in 1934 as a research assistant at the London School of Economics.

In 1968 Eric Sosnow and his wife sought to keep alive the memory of their son in the College which he loved by endowing the Norman Sosnow Travel Scholarships. Eric Sosnow was a Fellow-Commoner from 1982 until his death in 1987.

Room Layouts



The Hall at Christ's College, dating from 1857–1879, is one of Cambridge's most distinguished and atmospheric dining spaces. Framed by exquisite stained-glass windows, it provides a truly historic setting for lunches, dinners, and formal banquets. The Hall accommodates up to 110 guests, with a further 20 seated in the gallery above, while buffet-style events and receptions can welcome up to 150.

By day, the Hall is filled with natural light and a sense of heritage and tradition; by evening, it transforms into something truly memorable, with candlelit tables and soft lighting creating a warm, elegant ambience that leaves a lasting impression.

Layout Options

Formal meal 130 (inc. 20 on the Minstrel's Gallery)

'U' shape 50

Top table and 3 sprigs 110

Top table and 2 sprigs 76

Location

The Hall is located in the Screens, F staircase, First Court.

Fire Assembly Point

In the unlikely event of a fire, please note the Fire Assembly Point for The Hall is in First Court.

Accessibility

The Formal Hall is located off the F Shells Passageway. There is level access to the Formal Hall, off F Shells Passageway between First Court and Second Court.



PA System



Free Wi-Fi



100 seats
(up to 120 inc. Minstrels
Gallery)



Natural Light

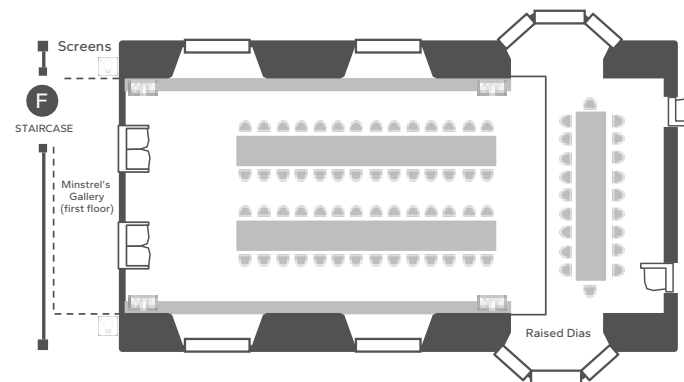
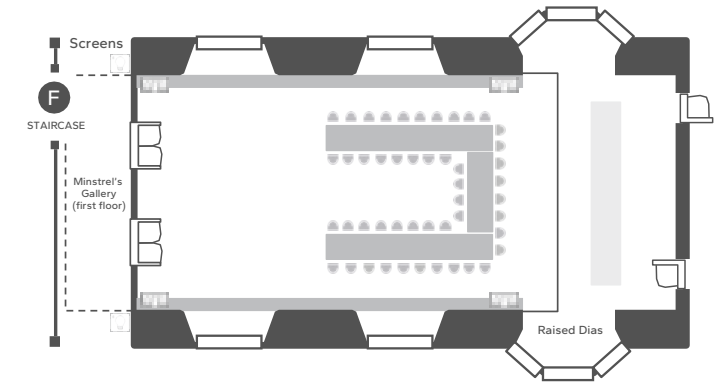
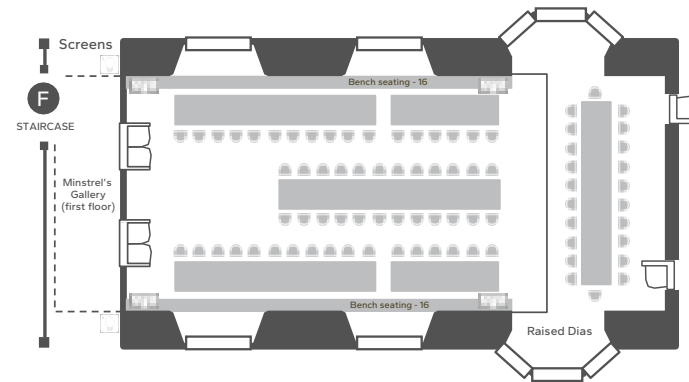
History

The Hall at Christ's College dates back to the early 1500s and is one of the College's oldest and most atmospheric spaces, where generations of students have dined.

During the rebuilding in 1875, the walls were made higher to create a lighter, more spacious feel, and the beautiful oriel window was added. This window features stained glass showing important figures from the College's history.

Today, the Hall beautifully combines its Tudor origins with Victorian craftsmanship, creating a space full of history, warmth, and character.

Room Layouts



Step into this delightful pine-panelled room, where warm, rich tones create an inviting and intimate atmosphere.

Perfect for smaller formal dinners, it comfortably seats up to 36 delegates and can also host buffet-style receptions for up to 55 guests. Guests can enjoy a unique perspective from the adjoining Minstrels' Gallery, overlooking the Hall below when not in use, adding an extra touch of charm to any event.

Dimensions

7m x 8m = 56m²

Height = 3m

Layout Options

Formal Meal 26

Buffet/Reception 55

Location

The Old Combination Room, is located in F staircase, First Court. Stepped access only.

Fire Assembly Point

In the unlikely event of a fire, please note the Fire Assembly Point for the Old Combination Room is in First Court.

Accessibility

The Old Combination Room (OCR) is located on the first floor, off the F Screens Passageway. The Old Combination Room (OCR) is only accessed via the stairs within F Screen Passageway.



Free Wi-Fi



36 Seats

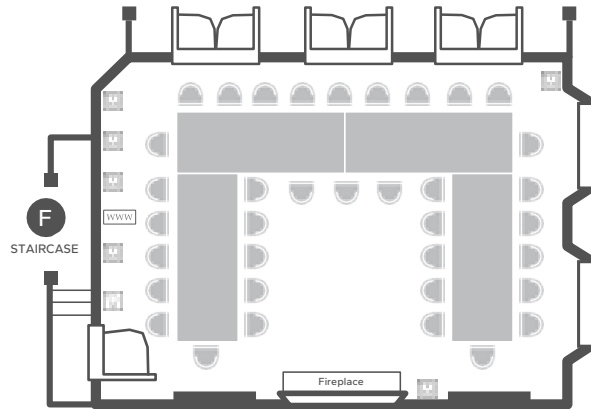


Natural Light

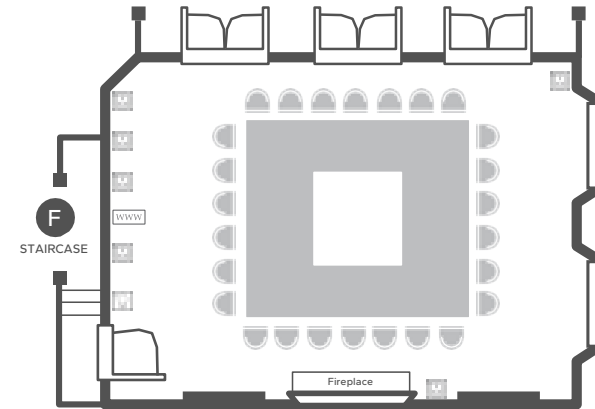


Second Court
Views

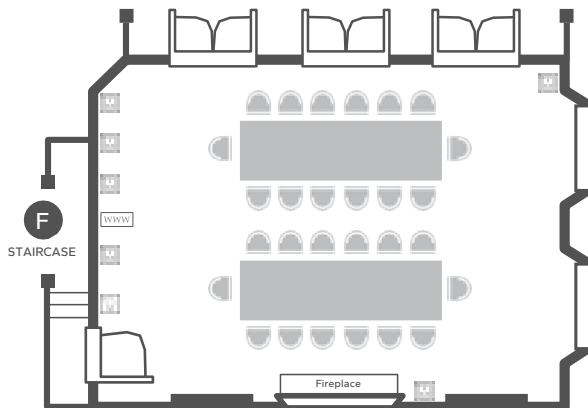
Room Layouts



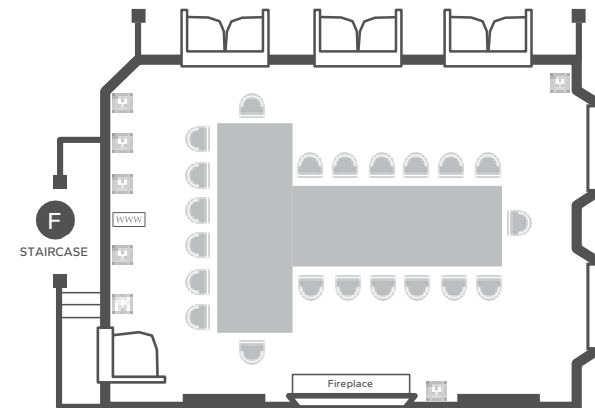
U Shaped 26



Square 26



One Table 14 Two tables 28



T Shape 21

Nestled in First Court close to the main entrance of Christ's College the Portrait Room is one of the College's most historic and characterful spaces. Adorned with a selection of portraits celebrating individuals with strong connections to the College, it offers an elegant and intimate atmosphere for private dining.

The room seats up to 20 guests comfortably, making it ideal for family lunches or celebration dinners, and can also host standing buffet receptions for up to 30 guests.

Dimensions

7m x 6m = 42m²
Height = 3m

Layout Options

Formal Meal 20
Buffet/Reception 30

Location

The Portrait Room is located in I staircase, First Court.

Fire Assembly Point

In the unlikely event of a fire, please note the Fire Assembly Point for the Portrait Room is in First Court.

Accessibility

The Portrait Room is located in the South East corner of First Court. There is level access to the Portrait Room from First Court, however, the approach is cobbled and wheelchair users may need assistance.



Free Wi-Fi



20 Seats

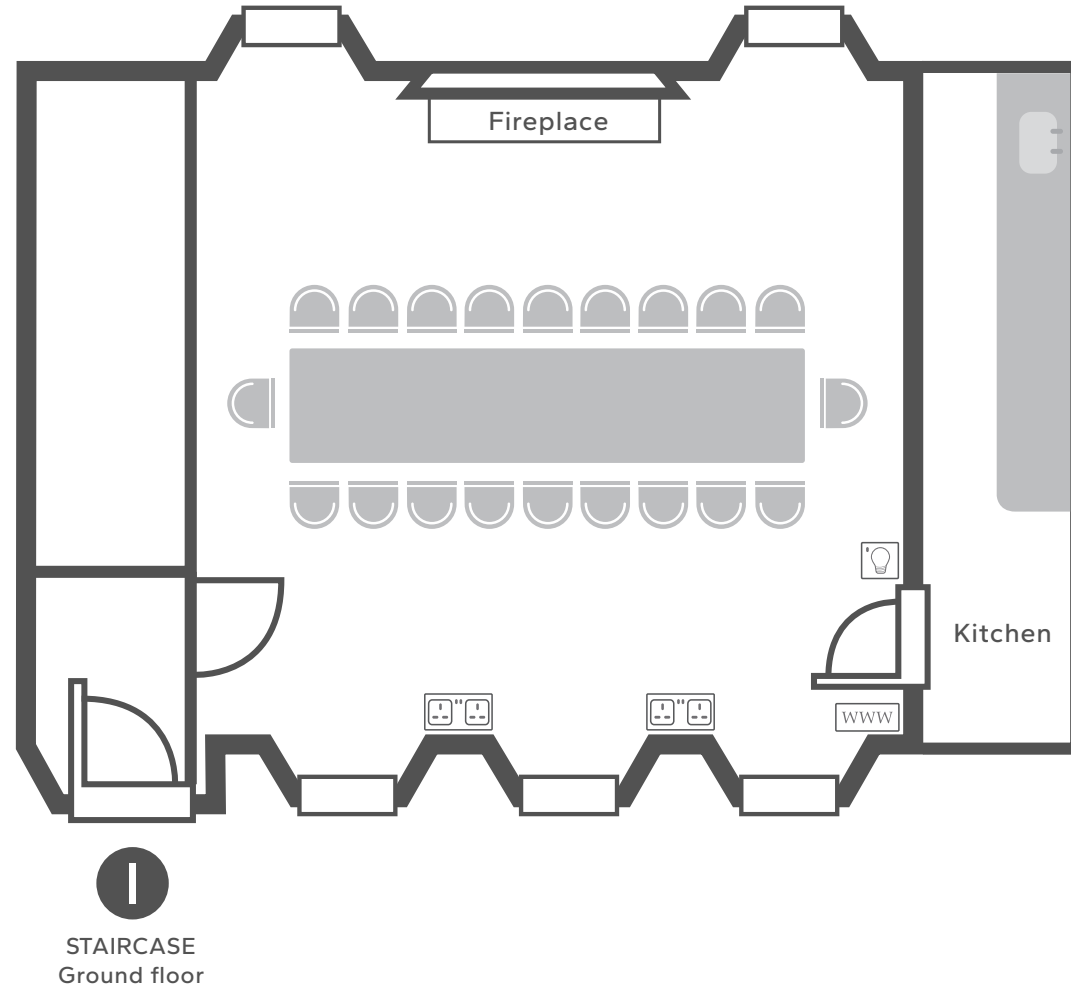


First Court views

History

Overlooking the beauty of First Court and its distinctive circular lawn (which dates back from 1505), this exquisite space provides a refined and traditional setting that is perfectly suited to memorable, smaller-scale occasions.

Room Layout



Frequently asked Questions

For further frequently asked questions, please visit:
<https://christscollegeconference.co.uk/about/faqs/>

Can I park my car at Christ's College?

There is no parking on-site at Christ's College. Please see our <https://christscollegeconference.co.uk/about/faqs/> for full details on travelling to Cambridge.

Is Christ's College accessible?

Mostly, yes. Getting around College is easy with step free access around all outdoor spaces. There is a selection of meeting rooms that are on the ground floor or have lift access.

As the College is old there are some bedrooms and dining spaces that are only accessible by stairs, but please speak with the Conference Office for more information.

Do I have to be a Christ's College member to hold my event here?

No, Christ's College is available for anyone to book.

Do you allow external caterers?

In most cases, we are unable to accommodate this request, as our experienced kitchen team already provides an extensive range of food options to suit a variety of dietary requirements and preferences.

However, if this is something that is particularly important to you, we would be happy to review your request and consider it on a case-by-case basis for each booking.

This also applies to corkage. Additional fees may apply.

Do you have AV support on site?

Our staff can assist with basic AV requirements; however, we are unable to provide dedicated technical support throughout the day.

If you require more comprehensive AV assistance, we work closely with a number of trusted technology providers and would be happy to put you in direct contact with them, so you can discuss your specific requirements and arrange the appropriate level of support.

Connect with Us

Our friendly Conference Team can help you plan your next event.

Email us conference@christs.cam.ac.uk

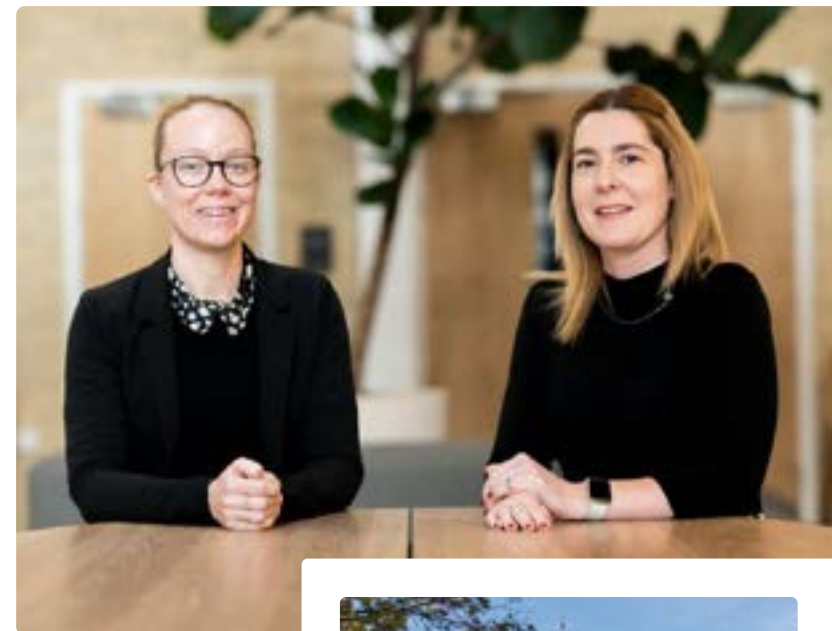
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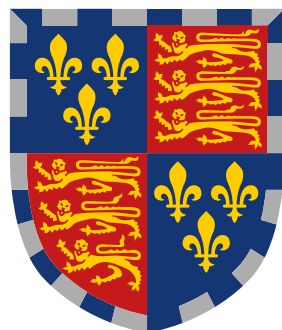
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Find us

Christ's College is located on St Andrew's Street, Cambridge, CB2 3BU.

The main gate is in the heart of the city centre, just a 2-minute walk from Drummer Street Bus Station. If arriving by train, the College is a 15-minute walk from Cambridge Railway Station.





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