Welcome to Trinity!

Hey! My name is Seb Millar, and I’m the Access and Admissions Officer for Trinity College’s Student Union. Having been in the same position you’re now in, I understand how daunting and scary both the process and interviews can be. We try and do everything we can here at Trinity to make you as comfortable as possible for your interview so that you can perform to the best of your ability. There will be a team of student helpers present throughout interview week to chat to in the JCR (the common room), take you to meals, show you where your interview rooms are and hang out with in the bar (which doubles up as a café in the daytime).

Current students will be in the JCR between 9am and 7pm daily, and you are more than welcome to go there and hang out, meet other interview candidates, or ask any questions you might have about living and studying at Trinity. To find the JCR, enter I staircase in Great Court, turn left and go up the stairs – if you have any trouble, the Porters will be able to direct you. Seeing as it'll almost be Christmas I'll get the student helpers to wear some red festive hats so that you can tell who is here to help you.

If you have overnight accommodation in College, we will also be showing films in the JCR every day at 8pm to help you relax and take your mind off things. Meals are also provided free of charge during your interview visit, and there will be student helpers available to take you to hall. We will be meeting at Great Gate at the following times:

- **Breakfast:** 8.10am; 8.40am
- **Lunch:** 12.30pm; 1.00pm
- **Dinner:** 6.20pm; 6.50pm

We have all been through the interview process, and we know that it might feel very intimidating. Trinity is a huge and beautiful college but, initially, can seem scary. However, once you get talking to people I have no doubt that you’ll feel at home in no time. It is really important to keep in mind that Trinity has expressed interest in you as an applicant, and wants to encourage you to do your best. The questions may seem difficult, but they are just used to find out how you think about things, and how you learn. Don’t worry if you can’t immediately answer every question, and don’t be put off if you need to ask for help. The interview process is ultimately a positive experience from which we hope you will take a lot – it gives you a glimpse of what teaching at Cambridge is like, and gives the interviewers an idea of what it would be like to teach you.

When it comes to interview preparation there is no right or wrong way to do it – whatever makes you feel most comfortable is best. Some people will only feel happy if they have been preparing until the very last minute, while others prefer the chance to relax and calm themselves down beforehand. Remember, everyone there will be as nervous as you are, so don’t let yourself be affected by any of the other candidates, and try not to over-analyse the interview afterwards – the examiners know that you’ll be nervous. If you have any other questions, worries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me or the Admissions Office before you arrive. We are here to make sure your interview experience is as useful and enjoyable as possible.

Good luck!

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