



UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

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The University of Cambridge is the second-oldest university in the English-speaking world and the seventh-oldest in the world.

The university was formed in 1209.



- Graduates of the university have won a total of 65 Nobel Prizes, the most of any university in the world.



History

- Cambridge's status was enhanced by a charter in 1231 from King Henry III of England



Foundation of the colleges

- Cambridge's colleges were originally an incidental feature of the system. No college is as old as the university itself. The colleges were endowed fellowships of scholars.

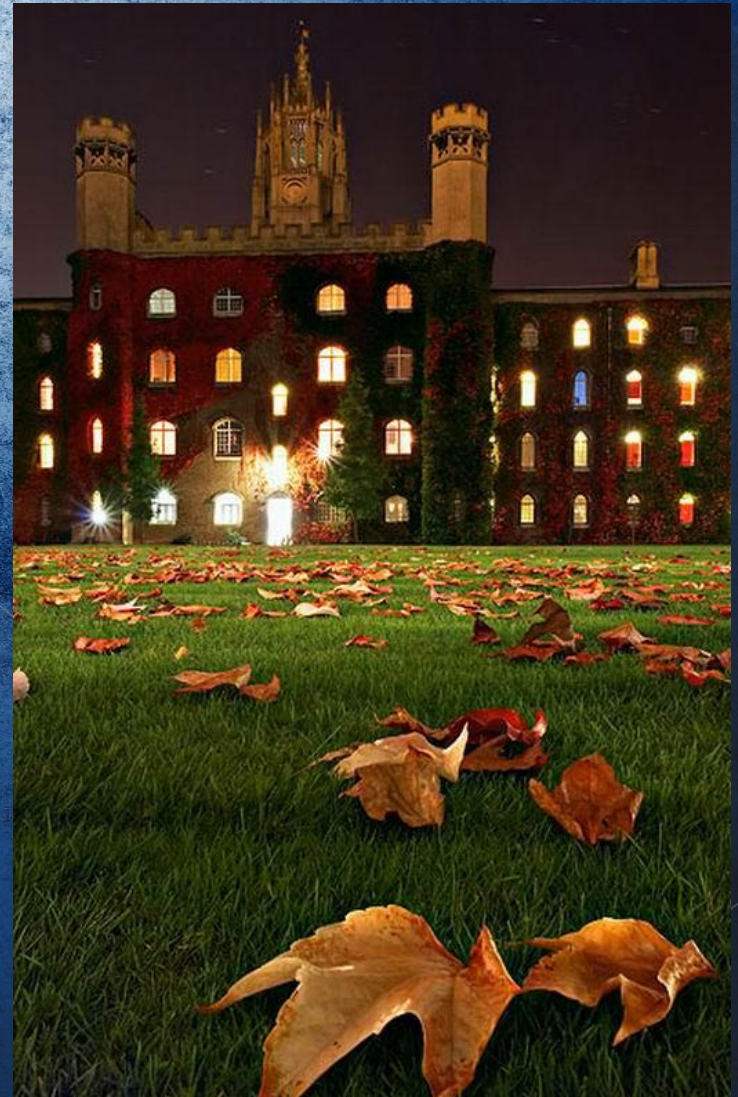


Legend

- A discontinued tradition is that of the wooden spoon, the 'prize' awarded to the student with the lowest passing grade in the final examinations of the Mathematical Tripos. The last of these spoons was awarded in 1909 to Cuthbert Lempriere Holthouse, an oarsman of the Lady Margaret Boat Club of St John's College.

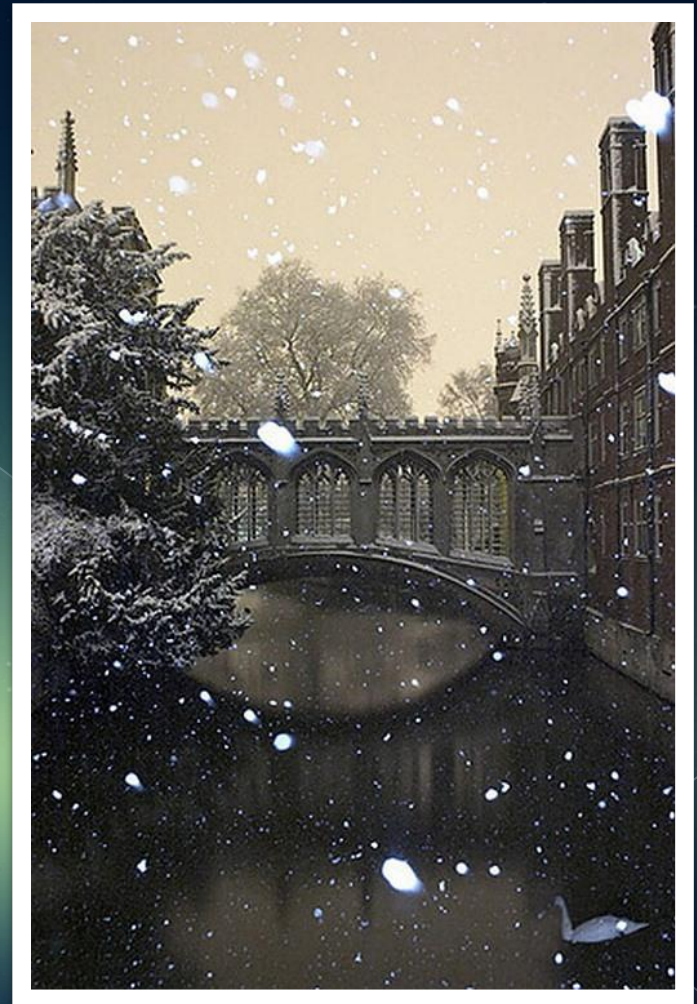
Colleges

- Cambridge has 31 colleges, of which three, Murray Edwards, Newnham and Lucy Cavendish, admit women only.
- Colleges are not required to admit students in all subjects, with some colleges choosing not to offer subjects such as architecture, history of art or theology, but most offer close to the complete range.



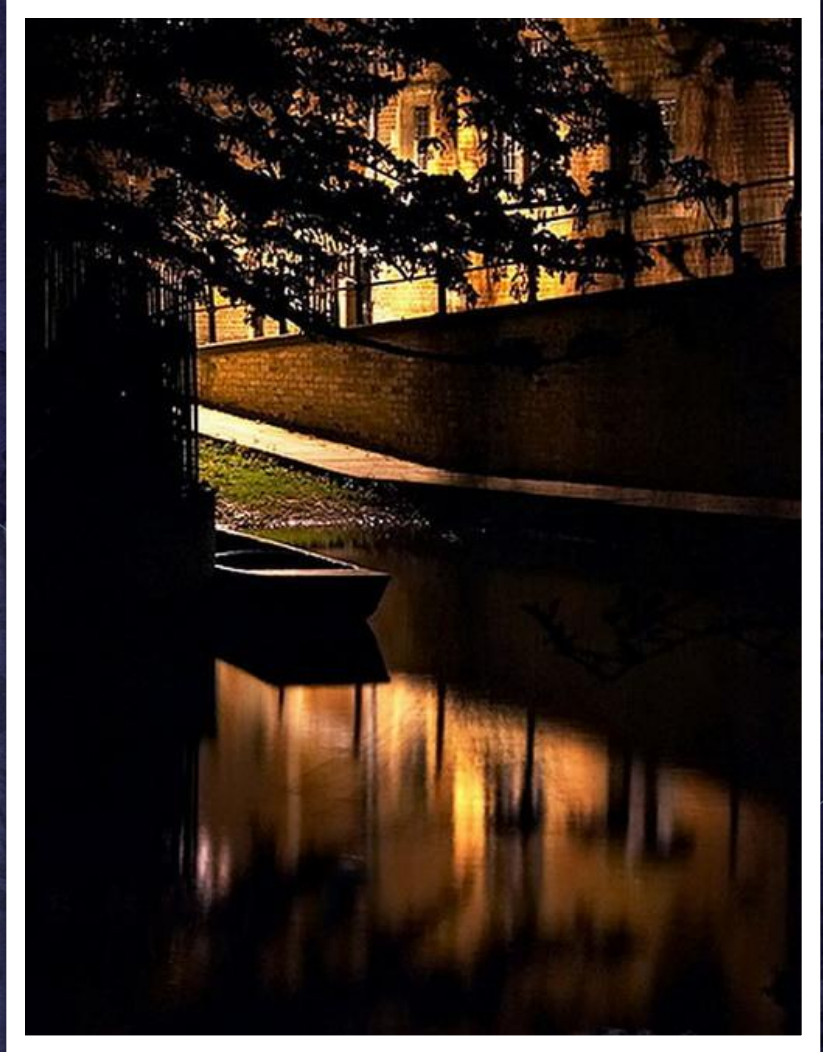
Schools, faculties and departments

- In addition to the 31 colleges, the university is made up of over 150 departments, faculties, schools, syndicates and other institutions.



A "School" in the University of Cambridge is a broad administrative grouping of related faculties and other units. There are six schools:

- Arts and Humanities
- Biological Sciences
- Clinical Medicine
- Humanities and Social Sciences
- Physical Sciences
- Technology



Academic year

- The academic year is divided into three academic terms, determined by the Statutes of the University. Michaelmas Term lasts from October to December; Lent Term from January to March; and Easter Term from April to June.



Libraries and museums

- Cambridge University operates eight arts, cultural, and scientific museums, and a botanic garden:
- The Fitzwilliam Museum, is the art and antiquities museum
- The Kettle's Yard is a contemporary art gallery
- The Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology, and other.



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