



Cumberland Lodge

exchanging views, inspiring minds

University visitors Notes for students



Clockwise from top left: student discussions on the lawn; Tapestry Hall staircase; student participants at a Cumberland Lodge conference



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Welcome



We look forward to seeing you soon at Cumberland Lodge.

This former royal residence in the heart of Windsor Great Park has been home to an educational foundation since 1947. Every year, almost 4,000 students visit us, for university study retreats or to take part in events that are part of our annual conference series or educational programme.

This booklet is designed to help you prepare for your visit, and you may also wish to watch the short video on our homepage, for a taste of what to expect during your visit.

The booklet also includes information about our student scholarship and bursary schemes and about how to stay in contact with us, as I hope you will.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ed Newell". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly informal style.

Canon Dr Edmund Newell
Chief Executive



The Tapestry Hall door, which inspired the Cumberland Lodge logo

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Accommodation

Students normally share twin-bedded rooms, and rooms are allocated in advance in consultation with your university. Most bedrooms are spacious, and all have en-suite facilities. Towels and toiletries are provided, and there are facilities for ironing.

Accessibility

We strive to ensure that all our guests feel welcome and have a comfortable, safe and enjoyable stay. Our full Accessibility Statement is available on our website. If you will require any special assistance during your stay, please inform your group leader before arriving. Our staff will also be happy to help.

Arrivals and departures

On arrival, you will be welcomed by Cumberland Lodge staff, given electronic keycards for your rooms and external doors. When everyone is signed in, a member of staff will give a short talk about domestic arrangements.

Please vacate your room by 9am on your departure day, unless a later time has been agreed for your group, and remember to return your keycard to Reception. The Receptionist or a member of our Meetings & Events team will let you know where you can leave luggage.

Meals

Please see your programme for specific meal times, however our usual times for main meals are:

Breakfast	8.15am	Monday to Saturday (full English)
	9am	Sunday (continental)
Lunch	1pm	
Dinner	7.15pm	

Group leader

Each visiting group has a group leader, nominated from amongst its organisers.

Cumberland Lodge representative

Each group is allocated a representative from Cumberland Lodge, who will be resident during your stay, and help to host your visit.

Reception

Cumberland Lodge is staffed 24 hours a day. During the daytime, a member of our Meetings & Events team is always available and Night Porters are on duty overnight. If they are not available at Reception, please press the button on the desk and they will respond as soon as possible.

WiFi

WiFi is free and is available throughout the buildings (no password required). Guests are advised to bring their own laptops/tablets.

Royal Chapel

On most Sundays, those staying at the Lodge may have the opportunity to attend services at the Royal Chapel (Christian – Church of England). The dress code is 'smart casual' (no jeans, shorts, tee shirts, flip-flops or trainers, please). For security reasons, photographic ID is essential for access to the Royal Chapel - preferably a passport or driving license, although a student pass is normally acceptable if it includes your date of birth. No mobile phones, cameras or large handbags are allowed. There is also a collection for charity during the service, so you may wish to bring some money.

Bar

The Bar is generally open before dinner and after evening conference sessions. You will be advised of opening times by your group leader. Hot drinks are also served in the Bar after lunch and dinner, and mid-morning and late afternoon.

Recreational facilities

We have a wide range of recreational facilities – as well as 5,000 acres of beautiful parkland on our doorstep! We have a tennis court, and rackets and balls can be borrowed free of charge. Croquet, boules and rounders can be played in the garden, weather permitting. We offer table-tennis and pool tables in the Basement, along with recreational space, suitable for evening parties and relaxation.

Board games are available in the Bar, and there are televisions in the Sitting Room and Basement. Guests are welcome to use our Chapel and Library when they are not in use. We also offer a daily selection of newspapers and magazines in the Tapestry Hall, and you are welcome to play the pianos in the Drawing Room and Tapestry Hall, provided that you do not disturb your fellow guests.

We encourage visiting groups to allow time for a walk in the Great Park, and a map with suggested walks is available from Reception. Local attractions include Windsor Castle, St George's Chapel, Savill Garden, Valley Gardens, Virginia Water, Eton College, and the Magna Carta, J.F. Kennedy and Royal Air Force memorials at Runnymede.

Security

Cumberland Lodge is located in a safe, secluded environment. The campus is covered by CCTV, and external doors are kept locked, with access via electronic keycard only. Our bedrooms are lockable and equipped with safes for small personal items.

Merchandise and cash machines

A small range of merchandise can be purchased from Reception. These include Cumberland Lodge mugs, guidebooks, books and prints.

The nearest ATMs are in Egham and Old Windsor.

Staff and scholar biographies

Canon Dr Edmund Newell, Chief Executive



Edmund Newell has been Principal or Chief Executive of Cumberland Lodge since 2013. An economic historian and priest in the Church of England, he has been: a Research Fellow at Nuffield College, University of Oxford; Chancellor of St Paul's Cathedral, London, where he was the founding Director of the St Paul's Institute; and Sub-Dean of Christ Church, Oxford. Ed is a regular contributor to *Pause for Thought* on BBC Radio 2. His publications include the co-authored books, *Ethics & Investment Banking* and *What Can One Person Do?*, a theological reflection on the Millennium Development Goals. His latest book is *The Sacramental Sea: A Spiritual Voyage through Christian History* (2019).

Joshua Rice, Amy Buller Scholar 2020-23



Joshua is currently being supported by Cumberland Lodge and Royal Holloway, University of London, to complete a PhD in the history of religion, as the recipient of our joint Amy Buller PhD Scholarship. Joshua graduated from Royal Holloway with first-class honours in History in 2018, and went on to complete an MA in Medieval Studies with distinction. His Master's dissertation focused on the importance of public debates between the Church and minority religious groups, and this is also the subject of his PhD research. He is interested in the power systems and identity struggles that relate to these debates, and how they appear to be a permanent fixture in cultural history. Outside of academia, he is a gallery steward and a keen footballer.

Helen Taylor, Head of Communications



Helen Taylor joined us in 2016. As our Head of Communications she is responsible for managing our internal and external communications, including our brand identity, online presence and media relations. Helen has worked in business administration and marketing communications for two decades, including roles at English National Ballet, the Royal Veterinary College, Freshfield Communications, and ENWORKS, a not-for-profit environmental business support service. She has also worked as a freelance copywriter and communications consultant, specialising in the education, arts and social care sectors. Helen has an MA in Geography from the University of Cambridge and a CIPD Postgraduate Diploma in Human Resource. She has two young sons and enjoys photography, yoga, choral singing and travel.

Emily Gow, Programme Officer



Emily Gow joined us as Programme Officer in April 2019. She is responsible for supporting our Programme Director with the effective delivery of all our charitable events and educational programmes. Emily has a passion for social change. Having graduated from the University of Southampton with an Integrated Masters in French and Spanish in 2017, Emily was selected for the Charityworks UK graduate scheme, a leadership development programme for young people seeking to build a career in the not-for-profit sector. She worked at a housing association as part of that programme, and in 2018, she moved to Corsica, to teach English to children and young people, on a work placement with the British Council.

Sarah Galvin, Programme Administrator



Sarah joined Cumberland Lodge as Programme Administrator. She has a background in account management within the pharmaceutical industry, and has a BSc in Human Bioscience from Coventry University. As part of her degree, she explored the social impact of health related topics. As well as providing administrative support to Cumberland Lodge programmes, she will be helping to deliver our Life Beyond the PhD conference, Scholarship schemes and Cumberland Lodge Dialogue alongside managing aspects of the Friends Scheme. Outside of the office, Sarah volunteers in the deaf community. This includes fundraising events for Hearing Dogs for the Deaf and volunteering at a Nepalese deaf school with a UK deaf charity. Previously, she has also spent a summer volunteering at the head office of HEART UK.

Please note

We ask everyone who visits or stays overnight at Cumberland Lodge to abide by the following policies:

Phones

As a charity that exists to inspire dialogue and debate, we strongly encourage you to engage in conversation with your fellow guests and to avoid using mobiles in our dining rooms.

Alcohol

As a condition of our licence, it is strictly forbidden to bring alcoholic drinks into Cumberland Lodge. Students are warned that, if discovered, any alcohol brought into the Lodge will be confiscated until their departure. Offending students may be sent home and, if the incident is serious, the department may be asked not to return to the Lodge. Group leaders and visiting staff are asked to ensure this rule is taken seriously. Alcoholic drinks can be purchased from our Bar.

Smoking

Smoking is not permitted inside the buildings (including e-cigarettes). Ashtrays are located a short distance from the main entrances.

Private access

To respect the privacy of our neighbours, groups are asked not to go beyond signs that say 'Private' or 'No Admittance'. We also ask that groups keep noise levels to a minimum in the evenings. Access to the roof is strictly prohibited.

After dark

At the request of the Royal Protection Police, walking or cycling in the Great Park is not permitted after dark. If you go outside after dark, please stay within the grounds of Cumberland Lodge.

Parties

We do not allow parties in bedrooms or flats. A dedicated space for parties and recreation is available in the Basement.

Damage to property

The organisation you are visiting with will be informed and charged for any incidents of damage to our property during your stay. This includes smoking indoors, soiling of bedrooms, physical damage and vandalism.

Further opportunities

Bursaries

Students are welcome to apply for bursaries to attend conferences in our annual series. We offer up to six free student places for each conference. These are awarded when there is financial need and when a student can demonstrate that they will benefit academically from attending the conference. Details of our upcoming conferences and events can be found on the What's On section of our website. Please email programmeteam@cumberlandlodge.ac.uk for further information.

Scholarships

Seven Cumberland Lodge Scholarships are awarded each year for doctoral students studying at any university in the UK. These two-year scholarships offer training in public engagement and communication, and the opportunity to be involved in our conferences and charitable activities. Please email programmeteam@cumberlandlodge.ac.uk for further information.

Social media

Please like and follow Cumberland Lodge on social media



Keeping in touch

You can sign up for news and details of upcoming events or new publications and digital resources from Cumberland Lodge at cumberlandlodge.ac.uk/keep-in-touch

You can also find out how to become a Friend of Cumberland Lodge for as little as £10 a year at cumberlandlodge.ac.uk/friends



Students attending Life Beyond the Phd 2019 at Cumberland Lodge

Key contacts

Chief Executive	Canon Dr Edmund Newell
Finance Director & Assistant Chief Executive	Linda Webber
Hospitality Director	Merrill Ryan
Head of Meetings & Events	Sarah Birch
Senior Meetings & Events Manager	Sarah Mann
Event Manager	Charlotte Booth
Head of Communications	Helen Taylor
Digital Communications Officer	Jack Verduyn
Head Chef	Robert Szewczyk
Dining Room Supervisor	Natalie Brooks
Housekeeper	Rachel Swaney
Programme Officer	Emily Gow
Programme Administrator	Sarah Galvin
Amy Buller PhD Scholar	Joshua Rice
Buildings Manager (inc. grounds/maintenance)	Colin Baker
Events & IT Technician	Graham Hobbs
Senior Night Supervisor	Stephen Martin
Night Supervisor	Andrew Makosz
Night Porters	Carl Barnett, James Cooper, Colin Singleton

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