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STUDENT UNION

Alternative Prospectus



Jesus is a place I long to return to every time I leave, and the experience of living with so many like minded people in a supportive yet challenging environment is one of the most important things I will take away from my time here. I couldn't imagine 'doing' Cambridge any other way.

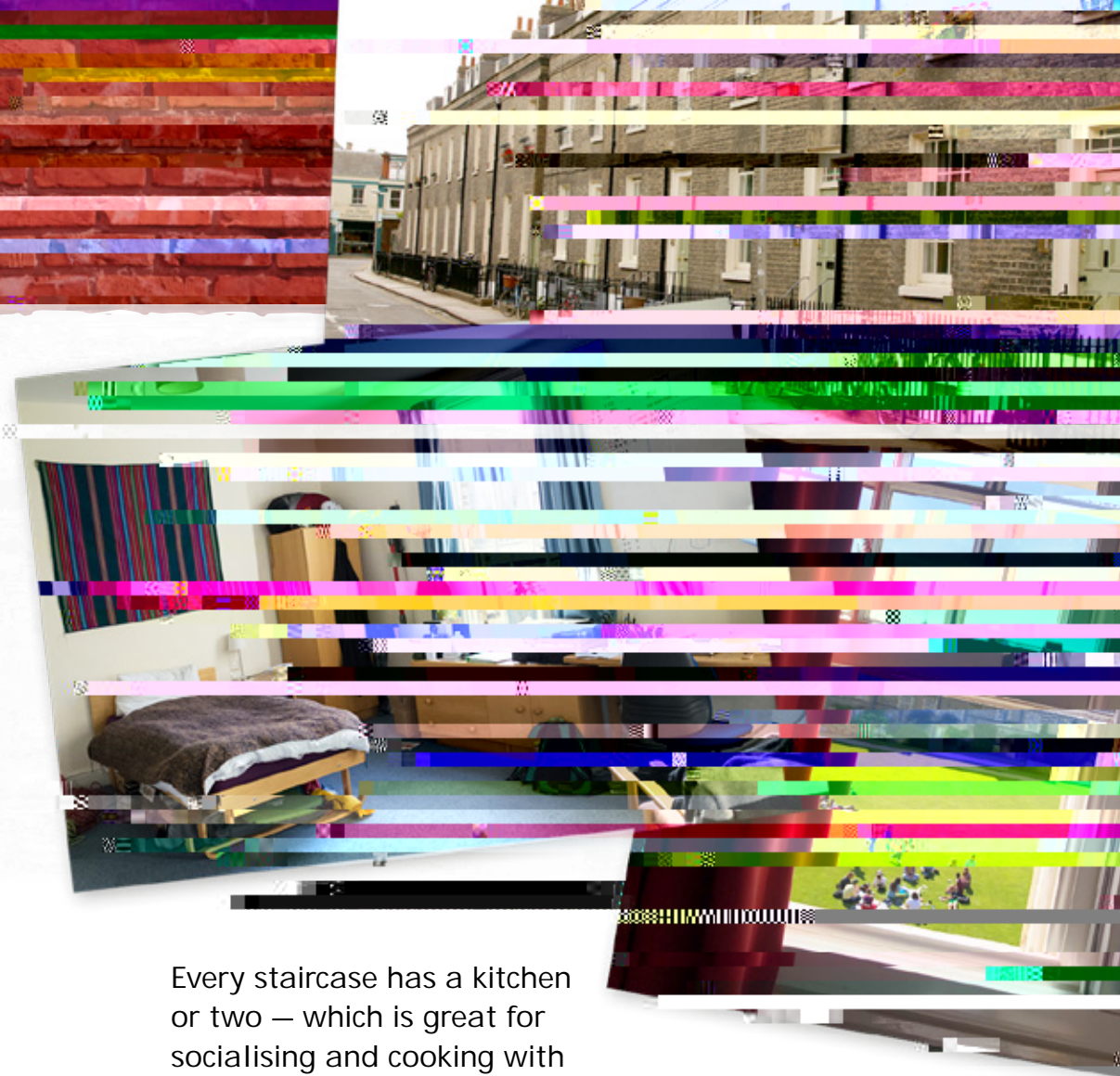


Where will I live?

Accommodation is perhaps Jesus College's greatest asset, and it is frequently considered amongst the best in Cambridge.

Our first years live in Chapel Court, or Library Court, where the vast majority of rooms are en-suite. Both are beautiful on the outside, but also really cosy on the inside. North Court is another option for first years, and with slightly longer tenancy it is great for those for whom travel is inconvenient (plus it has lush balconies). After your first year, the ballot system gives you the choice of where to live (and who with). Many students opt to live in one of the many College houses which are just outside of the main College grounds. These are a real asset to Jesus as having so many student houses, so close to campus, is a real rarity in Cambridge and offers more of a 'classic student experience'.

Most importantly students are guaranteed College provided accommodation for the full duration of their degree, so no worrying about student landlords ripping you off on the private market.

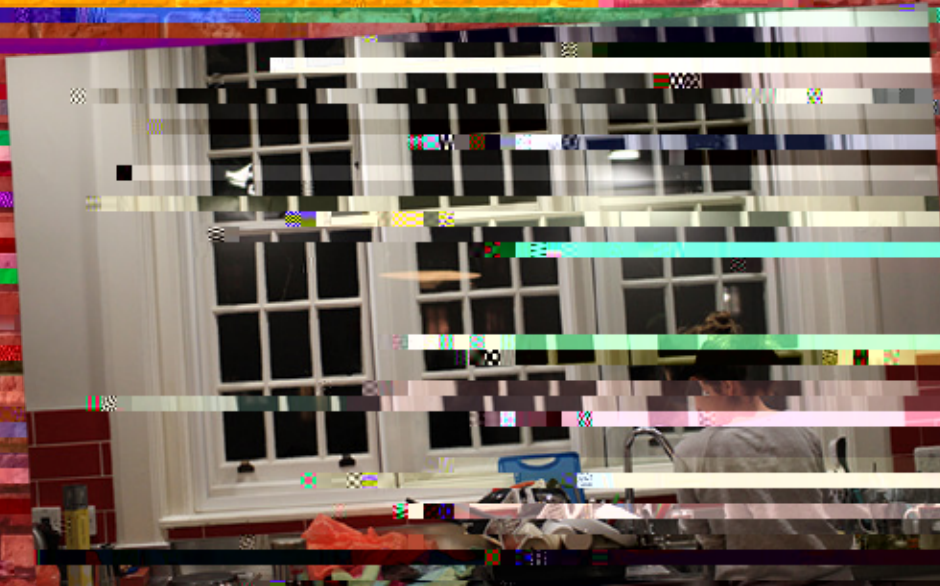


Every staircase has a kitchen or two – which is great for socialising and cooking with friends! There are also laundry rooms, and storage rooms for leaving your possessions safely over the holidays if you live further afield. Housekeepers visit the staircase most days to clean the kitchen and your bathroom. College accommodation is similar in price to that of many of the other Colleges, and any other small bills, such as maintenance, are included in the accommodation bill so you don't have to worry about them.



Where will I eat?

Jesus Caff (our name for College-provided food, many other Colleges use 'Hall' or 'Buttery') really is the social centre of the College. The food is brilliant and the menu really varied. An average caff meal might range from around £3-£5. Dietary requirements are also well catered for and sustainability is of top priority (we shop locally, compost all food waste on site and even have ground source heating in



Facilities

Jesus College is known for being a bit of a sporty College (but you don't have to be sporty to study here!), namely because in our gorgeous grounds we have space for our sports pitches including rugby, football, cricket, hockey, tennis and many more which can be booked by students and societies alike. The College also boasts a fantastic cardio and weights gym – both of which are free of charge. In addition to this the College boat house is within a short walking distance for those aspiring boaties (rowers).

If sport is not your thing, then maybe our music facilities will be more in tune with your needs. The Picken Room, one of our many music practice rooms, features a grand piano and is an ideal space for band practice.

All the College facilities are within a short five minute walk from one another which is super handy, even when you live out in one of the College houses. Also, unlike many other places, the College laundry facilities are completely free. All our mail is delivered to our pigeon holes in the porters' lodge (which is situated in the centre of College) making it really easy to keep in touch with home.

Finally, the academic facilities at Jesus, and across Cambridge, are incredible. First, we have a beautiful contemporary library that is light and airy, with loads of study spaces and even cosy blankets and beanbags for a relaxed atmosphere. Plus, in West Court we have our own 'study centre' used for teaching, group and independent study all on your doorstep.



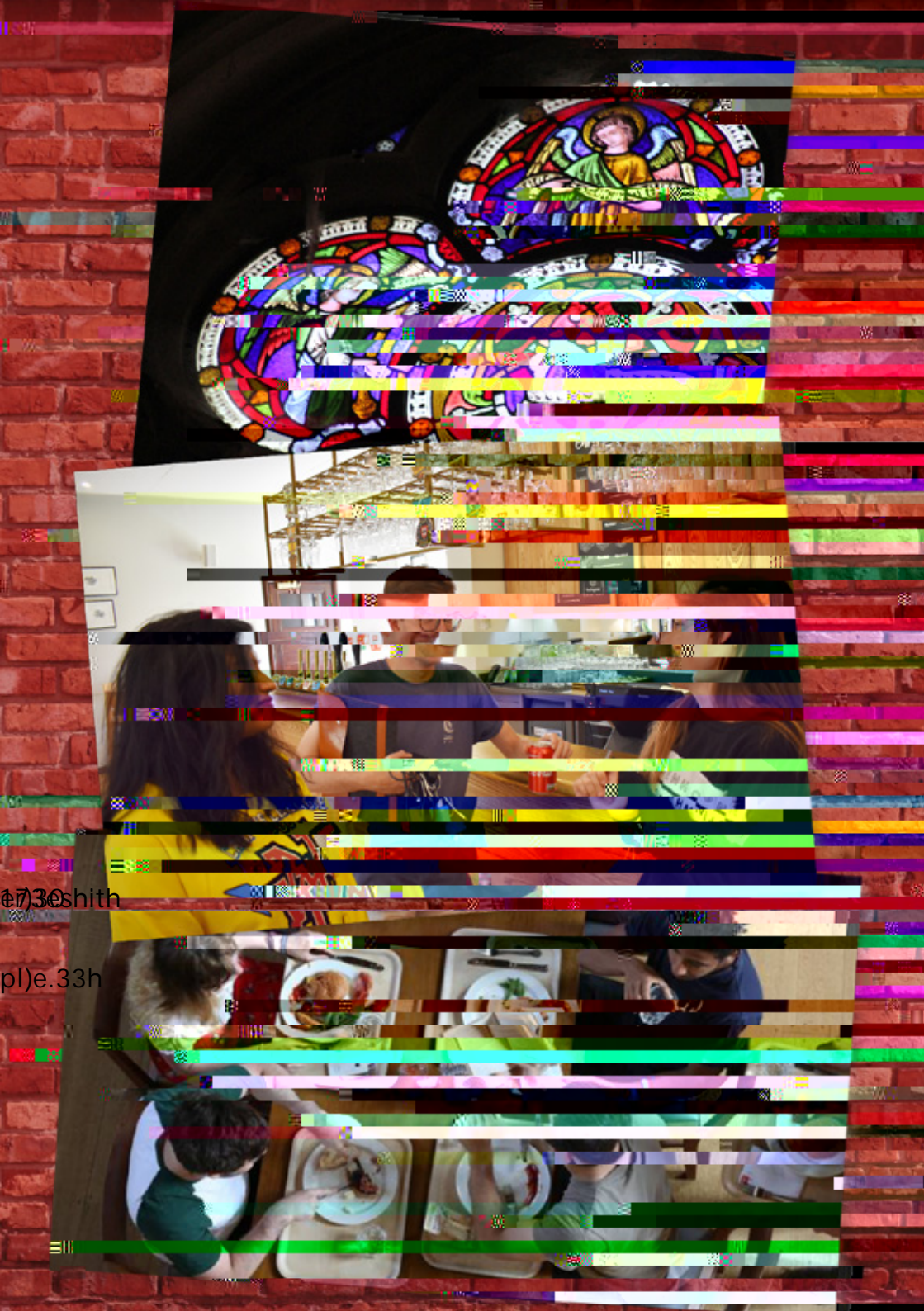
Social spaces

Aside from its exceptional academic facilities, Jesus also caters extensively for students in terms of social spaces.

As mentioned our bar and cafe are real central hubs of the College. It's open all term and serves both alcoholic and soft drinks, including some delicious signature drinks and ale from our in-house brewery. We also have various themed nights, with pop-up stone baked pizza nights, cocktail nights, outdoor BBQs, student performed live music events, the list goes on. With the day time seeing the space used as a cafe for the perfect chilled out space to chat with friends or study.

Our Chapel and beautiful grounds are also fantastic community spaces. The Chapel's exquisite acoustics makes it perfect for student 'Blues and Chill' live concerts that sees the space decked out with beanbags and blankets for a cosy evening, and in the summer term the grounds are busy with picnics and 'study groups' playing croquet on the lawns.

Close to home, staircases have communal kitchens with dining tables perfect for big staircase cook alongs (with North Court boasting ps10 (er)-20 (t)-9.9 m1 (8 (eicu))Jarst)5.1 (s' pl)e.33h





Life at College

There is never a boring moment at Jesus College as there is always something to take part in with the many student societies and events on offer.

Jesus College is renowned for being very good at sport, and its teams are accessible to a range of abilities, with teams often having a first, second and sometimes a third team — so if you've never played a sport before and fancy giving something new a go, there's more than ample opportunity.

If you're looking for something less strenuous Jesus offers a range of musical activities for all tastes and abilities. You can let your hair down at open mic night or whilst listening to one of our talented student bands. Also, the Jesus College Singers (our non-audition Choir) always welcome new members to join in.

There are also regular feminist and LGBTQIA+ discussion societies meetings, art and exercise classes, and film screenings, among our dizzying array of clubs and societies on offer. Not to mention regular 'bops', which are themed fancy dress parties which the whole College can attend.



Another key event of note is our annual student-run John Hughes Arts Festival where we get the chance to display our artwork alongside professionals in an exhibition, attend workshops and go to a themed formal hall. The opening night is always a popular event with live music and a casual drinks reception! Along our artistic themes, 'Film' at Jesus' is our film society showcasing student filmmaking and bringing industry talent into College.

Basically there is always loads going on and something for everyone!



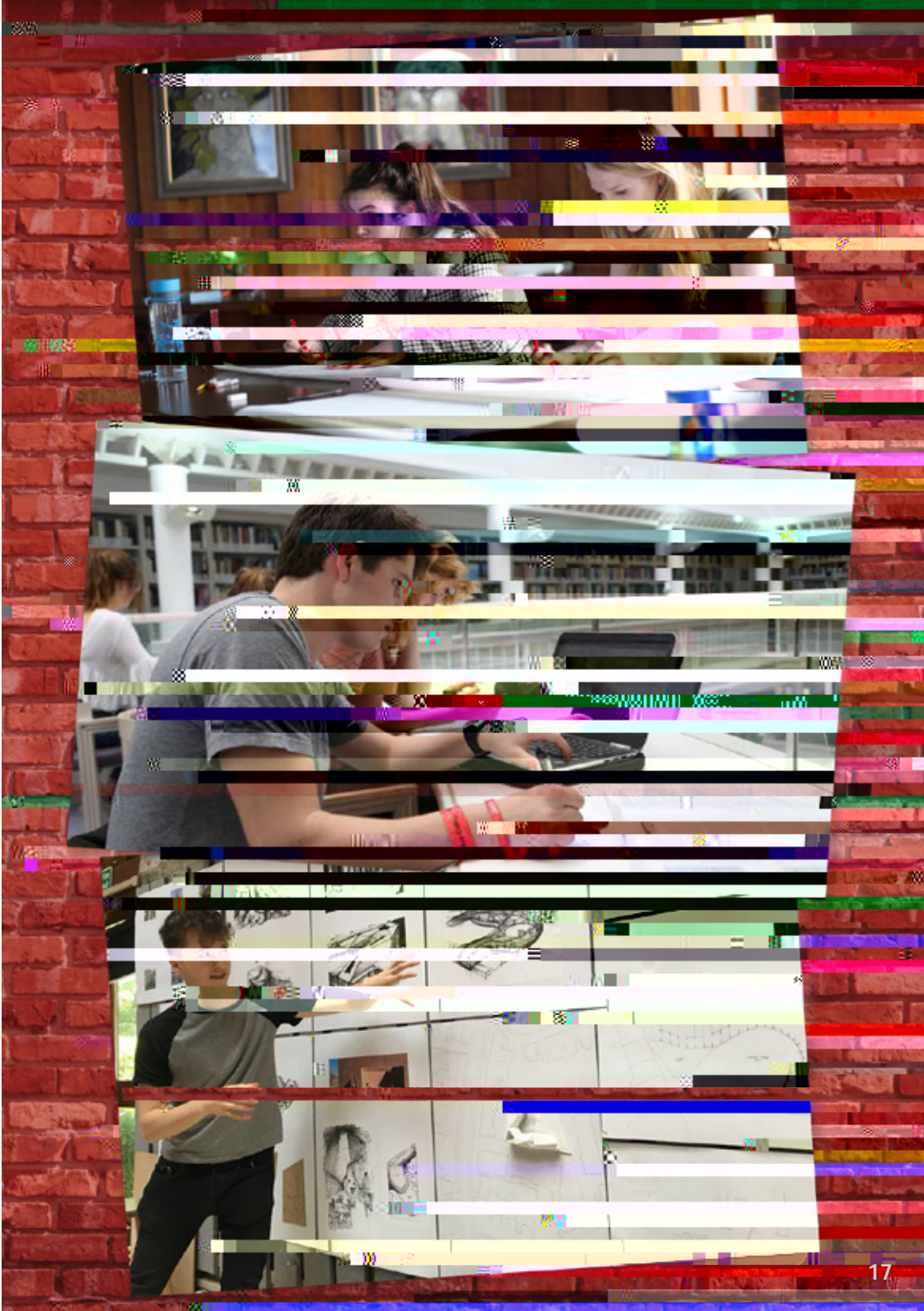
Life in the city

Learning at Jesus

At Cambridge, most of your teaching is organised by your faculty so you will attend lectures, seminars and lab work etc with students from other Colleges.

However, supervisions (small teaching classes) will normally take place in your own College with a very small teaching group. If Jesus doesn't have a fellow specialising in your subject area, don't worry they will make arrangements for you to see a supervisor at a different College. Each student also has a Director of Studies (DoS) who is there to monitor and help you with your academic progress. A DoS is normally only responsible for a handful of students meaning that you get to know one another quite well. This comes in very handy if you ever need to speak to them about a problem, academic or otherwise.

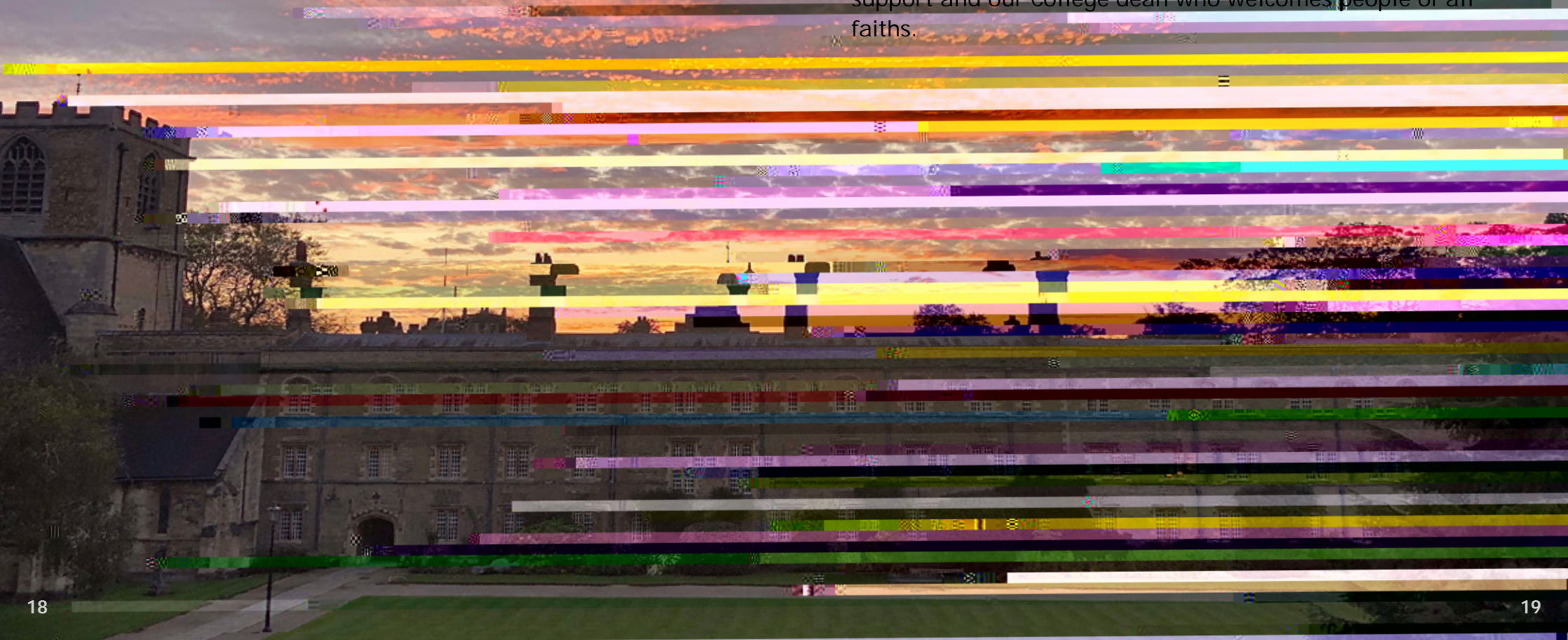
Studying at Cambridge is a lot of fun, but also requires some hard graft, meaning you will spend at least some of your time in the library. Which is great news because at Jesus we have one of the best! Although we are an old College, our library was only built in the 1990s meaning it is light, spacious and has everything you need, from open plan booths, to a dedicated computer room, to private study rooms. You'll also find the majority of the books required for your course and if there is something missing, you can request it and our lovely librarians will order it for you.

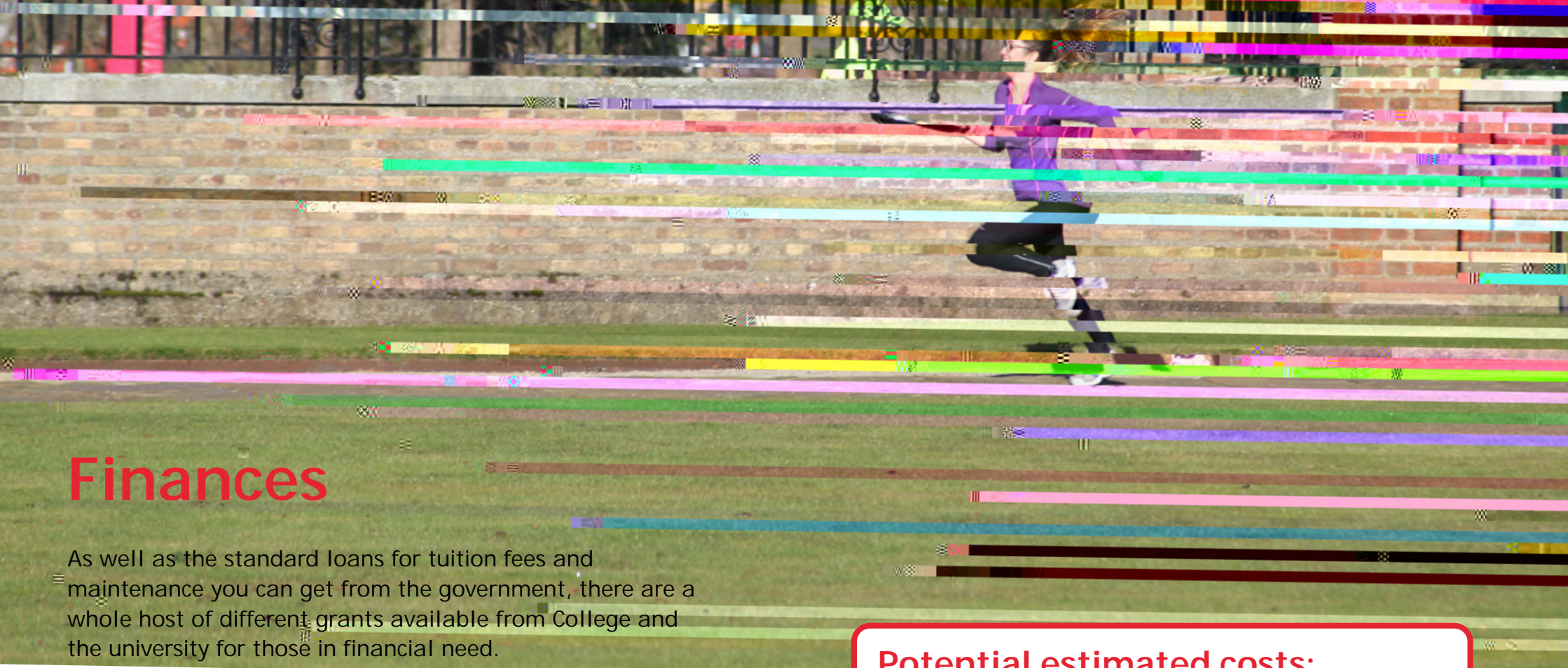


Support and welfare

Students at Jesus are represented by the elected Jesus College Students Union (JCSU). The role of the JCSU is to organise events and services for students at Jesus and also to represent our views back to College and other groups within the university. There are many different roles on the committee, from Events to Green Officer, and a number of representational roles including Women's, LGBTQ+, Mental Health and Disabilities and BME Officers. Students at Cambridge can access a variety of different forms of support and resources from the University.

There is a counselling service, telephone lines and support networks and the Disability Resource Centre to name but a few. However College also has many different welfare provisions. The JCSU put on welfare events like drop-ins each week where you can privately talk to a member of the JCSU welfare team, and a weekly welfare cake when everyone gets together in the common room to eat free snacks and cake! There is also a College Nurse, a physiotherapist and counselors from the central University counselling service in College every week who can provide support and our College dean who welcomes people of all faiths.





Finances

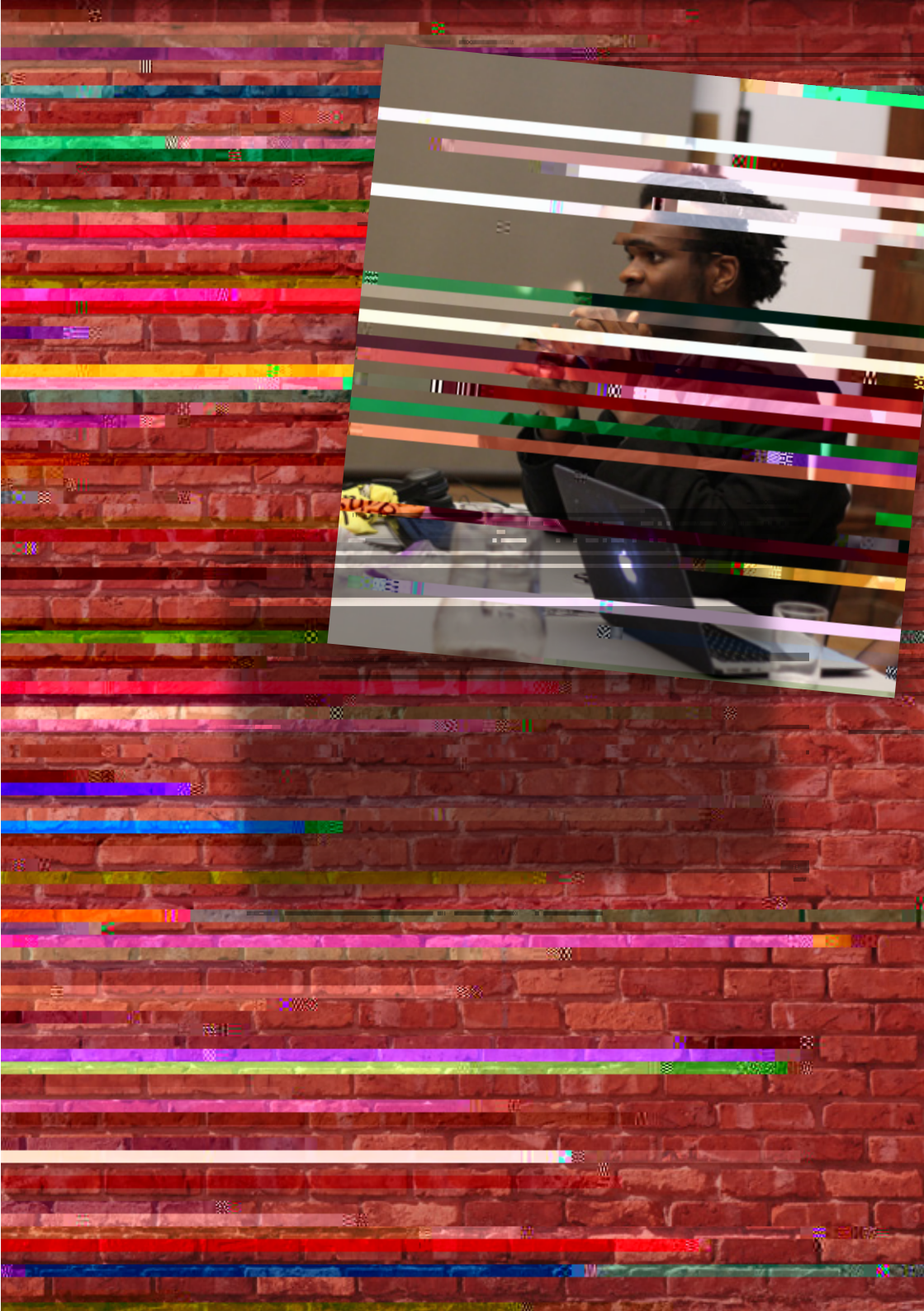
As well as the standard loans for tuition fees and maintenance you can get from the government, there are a whole host of different grants available from College and the university for those in financial need.

The University wide Cambridge Bursary Scheme provides grants of up to £3,500 a year (or potentially more if you're a mature student or a care leaver) to students from low income backgrounds (I recommend checking the Uni website for more info).

College also awards grants for travelling and studying, music, sport and since Cambridge terms are only 8 weeks long, students here don't really have part-time jobs. There are a few opportunities to make some spare cash, like selling event tickets or working at open days but most concentrate on studying or just enjoying themselves instead.

Potential estimated costs:

- Rent starts from around £100 per week.
- A meal in the caff might cost you £3 upwards, but lots of people self cater.
- Entertaining yourself is also pretty cheap: pints in



Ask a student

I would increase the opportunities available to students to interact with students from other Colleges. On occasion, societies hold joint event with other College societies, but I would love it if inter-College interactions were more central



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