Corpus Christi College

Deputy Head of Gardens and Grounds
Additional Information

The College of Corpus Christi and of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the University of Cambridge (commonly called Corpus Christi College) is the sixth oldest college in the University of Cambridge. Founded in 1352 by the Guilds of Corpus Christi and the Blessed Virgin Mary, it bears the distinction of being the only College in Oxford or Cambridge founded by their citizens. The College has a 650-year commitment to teaching and research, carried out on the site of its original foundation in the heart of mediaeval Cambridge.

Corpus Christi is a leading academic institution, with an excellent record of education, learning and research. With 310 undergraduate and 190 postgraduate students, it is one of the smaller of the Cambridge colleges and prides itself on the friendly nature of its close-knit community. At the same time, its members – both Fellows and students – play an active part in the wider University's intellectual, academic, cultural and sporting life.

The College has around 60 Fellows and 120 staff. It is unusual in having two principal sites: the Old House, its ancient buildings and related hostels in the city centre, and fifteen minutes away, Leckhampton, where most of the postgraduate community is housed, and where the College's playing fields and sports facilities are situated. The College's Parker Library, named after a former Master, Archbishop Matthew Parker, houses a unique collection of historical manuscripts of international significance. It is one of the most significant surviving Renaissance libraries in Europe.

Corpus Christi College is fortunate to have a diverse and distinctive collection of gardens and grounds, spanning its historic central Cambridge site and the extensive grounds at Leckhampton House and Mogford Lodge. From the character and heritage of the College's historic courtyards and Fellows' Garden to the expansive lawns, mature specimen trees, naturalistic planting and wildlife-rich meadows at Leckhampton, the gardens provide a beautiful and valued environment for the College community. The team takes great pride in maintaining and continually enhancing these spaces, balancing traditional horticultural excellence with innovative, sustainable gardening practices and a commitment to biodiversity. This is an exciting opportunity to help care for and develop these varied landscapes, ensuring they remain beautiful, welcoming and environmentally responsible places for generations to come.

Conditions of Employment and Benefits

Below is a summary of the main terms, conditions and benefits of employment.

Remuneration: c.£33,500 per annum

Probationary Period: The appointment is subject to an initial probationary period of 3 months. The probationary period may be extended at the College's discretion.

Hours of Work:

This is a full-time position working 8.00am – 4.00pm Monday to Friday for 37.5 hours per week with a 30-minute unpaid lunch break. You may be required to work additional hours and some weekends by prior arrangement on occasions, paid as overtime or TOIL.

Holidays: Paid leave is given for 27 working days and 8 Bank Holidays (or equivalent) per year (pro-rated for part time employees).

Pension: All eligible staff will be auto-enrolled onto College's contributory pension scheme. Further details are available from the Finance Office or HR.

Healthcare: The College offers a cash-back Health Plan including an Employee Assistance programme, available to all permanent staff which is non-contributory and a taxable benefit.

Death in Service: The College provides a Death in Service benefit at 4x basic gross annual salary for all permanent employed staff (not casual or temporary) under the age of 70.

College Facilities for Staff: Staff may attend many College events, as well as various social events for staff members. The College also has a wide range of facilities, many of which are available to staff, such as membership of the University Social Club, and the University Centre. Staff may also use the sports facilities at Leckhampton, which include squash, tennis courts and gym.

Meals: A lunch allowance is also an added benefit, for use either in the College Hall or in the Pelican Bar.

Car Parking: Car parking is normally available although not guaranteed.

Tax Free Childcare Scheme: The College operates the Government's childcare scheme which has replaced the previous childcare voucher scheme.

Cycle to work scheme: The College is a member of the Cycle to Work scheme, which offers subsidised purchase of bicycles.

The College is an equal opportunities employer