



DOWNING COLLEGE CAMBRIDGE
WEDDINGS

“Simply unique”





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INTRODUCING DOWNING COLLEGE

Downing College was founded in 1800 through the will of Sir George Downing, 3rd Baronet and it was the first new College to be built in Cambridge for more than two hundred years.

The original buildings were completed between 1807 and 1821 to the designs of the architect William Wilkins. It was the first major scheme in England to be built in the neo-classical Greek Revival style and it was the first instance of the spacious campus plan in collegiate architecture.

Set in 20 acres of lawns within the historical heart of Cambridge, Downing College offers a combination of beautiful gardens, peaceful surroundings, and a convenient central location making it the perfect venue for your wedding.

Our Wedding venue facilities are available to book during the long Summer Vacation.

Matching exceptional service to this incredible setting, we have an experienced, dedicated Wedding Coordinator who takes pride in attending to the finest details, helping to create your dream celebration.

“We had the most perfect wedding day at Downing”



YOUR CEREMONY HOWARD BUILDING

Start your special day in the impressive Assembly Room which blends perfectly with the classical feel of the College. Situated on the first floor of the Howard Building, this is a spacious room with decorative Ionic Scrolls. An abundance of natural light and a balcony overlooking the West Lodge Garden provides an elegant setting for a Civil Ceremony.

The Drawing Room situated on the ground floor, with patio doors opening onto the West Lodge Garden, is ideal for your drinks reception and photos after the ceremony.

CAPACITIES

Ceremony, Howard Assembly Room	140 guests
Reception, Howard Drawing Room	140 guests





YOUR INTIMATE CEREMONY WEST LODGE AND MAITLAND ROOM

For an intimate ceremony, the West Lodge and Maitland Room is full of character, with stunning chandeliers and large mirrors in a smaller and intimate setting.

This light and elegant room overlooks the West Lodge Garden, and is a perfect space to officiate your marriage before continuing your celebrations.

The West Lodge and Maitland Room can be transformed into a beautiful function room for your Wedding Breakfast.

CAPACITIES

West Lodge and Maitland Room

Ceremony	60 guests
Reception	80 guests
Wedding Breakfast	36 guests





YOUR RECEPTION HALL AND FELLOWS' GARDEN

Following your drinks reception in the Fellow's Garden, guests are invited to take their seats in the superb College Hall, restored to its original early nineteenth century décor and surrounded by beautiful gardens. The award-winning Hall is the perfect setting for your Wedding Breakfast and evening celebrations.

True to the original architect's vision, the design reflects the spirit of the Greek revival period. Based on Wilkins' bold patterns and authentic colours, the classical interior is striking with limestone floor tiles, under-floor heating, bespoke oak furniture, and newly-designed chandeliers inspired by the shape of classical Greek oil lamps. Neo-classical in design, yet modern and flexible, the Hall has an integrated audio system perfect for the wedding speeches and a range of lighting options.

CAPACITIES

The Hall

Wedding Breakfast

150 guests

Evening Celebrations

200 guests



YOUR WEDDING BREAKFAST

Downing College's Executive Head Chef and his team provide high-quality restaurant-standard cuisine, using fresh, seasonal, and where possible locally sourced produce. The dishes are freshly made, perfectly prepared, and exquisitely presented. Our choice of wedding menus are packed full of culinary delights designed to suit even the most discerning palate along with a wide choice of wines.

“The food was exquisite”



ACCOMMODATION

Our Wedding Package includes an overnight Superior Guest bedroom for the Bride & Groom. We also offer a range of Superior Standard single, twin, and double bedded en-suite rooms for your guests to book.

The bedrooms are furnished to a high standard offering Tea & Coffee facilities, complimentary Wi-Fi and modern en-suite bathrooms complete with toiletries, bathrobe, and slippers.

Your guests can enjoy a unique Cambridge College experience where a full English breakfast is served in the College Hall dating back to the 19th Century, with views of the Fellows' Private Garden.

“Overnight guests enjoyed their lovely rooms and great breakfasts”





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