



ABACUS Freshers' Guide

2017-2018

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What is ABACUS?

The Association of British and Chinese University Students (ABACUS) was founded in 1994 at Cambridge University. It has since grown to become one of the largest Oriental societies at Cambridge and in 14 universities in the UK.

We aim to provide a place for students to share in and enjoy their Chinese-ness, whether that is through food, language, music or culture. Every year, many strong and lasting friendships are formed and over time, a strong community of ABACUS members has developed.

While ABACUS communities can be tight-knit, ABACUS is also one of the most inclusive Chinese societies, with English being the official language of the society. Events are accessible to all who want to attend, and the long-term aim of the society is to encourage further cultural understanding and integration between the Chinese and Western cultures. The membership of the society is the most wide-ranging, including a full range of backgrounds: Mandarin and Cantonese speaking Chinese, British Born Chinese (BBCs) and even those students studying Chinese as part of their degree. We are also closely connected with other Oriental Societies in Cambridge (Other Chinese societies, Korean Soc, Thai Soc etc.) which we co-host our events with on a regular basis. This open and welcoming atmosphere is one of the enduring strengths of ABACUS, and the unique and enriching experience we provide is one that you cannot find elsewhere.

Highlights of The ABACUS Year

The heart and soul of ABACUS is the programme of events organised by the society. We are one of the most active societies in Cambridge, holding at least one event every week during term. The events listed below are only the largest events that have become traditions in the ABACUS social calendar. We also hold numerous smaller events throughout the year, including formals and other events, which are promoted on our facebook page, and by email. Please do not hesitate to contact us or visit our website for further information.

New Event Runningman 奔跑吧

Date: First Week of Lent

Venue: Revolution, Cambridge

Attendees: 500 including ABACUS members, other Cambridge oriental societies

Running Man is as an urban action variety show where the MCs and guests were to complete missions at a landmark to win the race. The TV show is renowned for its name tag ripping game, ABACUS will be incooperating the name tag ripping game into our lent term event list for all the thrill-seekers in ABACUS. This year will be the first time running this event.

Funkyard

Date: Second Week of Michaelmas

Venue: Revolution, Cambridge

Attendees: up to 500

Co-hosts in the past: ChiSoc, CCS, Korean Soc, Anglo-Japanese Soc, Malaysia & Singapore Soc, India Soc, Taiwanese Soc etc.



The biggest Oriental clubbing night in Cambridge; this is a hugely-popular event, attended by students and locals alike. It is a great opportunity for the ABACUS freshers to socialise with members of other societies and meet the older ABACUS members.

Boat Party on the Thames

Date: Seventh Week of Michaelmas (Sat 18th Nov 2017)

Venue: River Thames, London

Attendees: up to 399

Co-hosts in the past: Oxford University Asia-Pacific Society, Other ABACUS Societies (Warwick, LSE, Imperial, Southampton, St George's)



This is the largest and most popular ABACUS event of the year. The event is hosted in collaboration with other ABACUS societies across the UK such as ABACUS Warwick and Nottingham. It allows students nationwide to meet in a glamorous setting against the backdrop of the River Thames.

Chinese New Year Party (CNY Party)

Date: Chinese New Year

Venue: Varies, but normally Cambridge Union

Attendees: 200



This is the largest CNY Party in Cambridge. Celebrate Chinese New Year with ABACUS at the infamous Cambridge Union. It allows students in Cambridge to relax and learn about the history of Chinese culture along with enjoying delicious Chinese food.

Garden Party

Date: Mid June

Venue: Varies

Attendees: 70-100



This is the final ABACUS event of the academic year, and there is typically a big turnout, as students come to celebrate the end of exams and bid their friends in their last year farewell. There is plenty of food and drinks as well as live entertainment.





Michaelmas Term Card 2017

Like our Facebook page or join our Facebook group to keep up to date with our events.

Membership information, contact details, and links to our Facebook are on our website:

www.abacuscambridge.org.uk

Week	Event	Date	Time	Location
Week 1	Freshers' Squash	7/10/17	15:00-17:00	Sidney Sussex Bar
Meet the ABACUS committee and other freshers, with free pizza and snacks				
Week 2	Family Formal	13/10/17	19:00-	Pembroke College
Get to know your ABACUS family at formal with an afterparty in the bar				
Week 3	Punting & Pocky	TBC*	Afternoon*	River Cam
Enjoy the relaxing river cam and delicious Pocky				
Week 4	Funkyard	29/10/17	Evening*	Revolution
The biggest Asian club night in Cambridge				
Week 5	Dim Sum Master Class	TBC*	Afternoon*	TBC*
Learn how to make a variety of Dim Sum from a professional chef				
Week 6	Badminton	TBC*	Afternoon*	The Leys School
An afternoon of badminton with your ABACUS friends				
Week 7	Boat Party	18/11/2017	Evening*	The Thames, London
Coach from Cambridge, followed by an exquisite evening on the river				
Week 8	Ddeobokki Swap with CUKS	TBC*	Evening*	TBC*
Make some friends from the Korean Society over dinner				

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*Details to be confirmed