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MARITIME LAW ACADEMY

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 **TRAINING**

The BIMCO Maritime Law Academy is an intensive programme for developing legal knowledge, practical application of learning and providing insights into the fundamental principles of shipping and trade law. The aim is to deliver a deeper understanding of the complex legal issues involved in maritime law for both shipping professionals and those outside the sector.

Cambridge, UK
14–18 September 2026

Welcome to Maritime Law Academy

BIMCO is proud to present the Maritime Law Academy, covering cutting-edge issues of international maritime law and its relationship with international trade, shipping and marine insurance. It gives the opportunity for those who attend to acquire and develop legal knowledge with practical and focused legal mindset and insight into the fundamental principles of shipping and trade law. The BIMCO Maritime Law Academy offers the participants a learning resource in constructing legal arguments, which can be applied in professional situations and aims to solve problems and reduce disputes. A core competence is clear and precise communication. Part of the course is therefore to train the skill of building precise arguments, with roots in English law.

On the following pages you will find some useful and practical information about Cambridge and the places that you will visit during the week and the day out in London.

Please contact us if you have any questions.

We look forward to seeing you in Cambridge.

*Kind regards,
Christian Hoppe, Head of Training*



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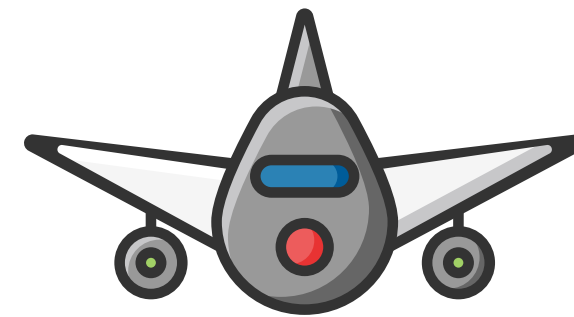
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Transport – How to get there and getting around in Cambridge

Cambridge is located 50 miles (approx. 80 km) north of London and is well-served by road, rail and airport links.



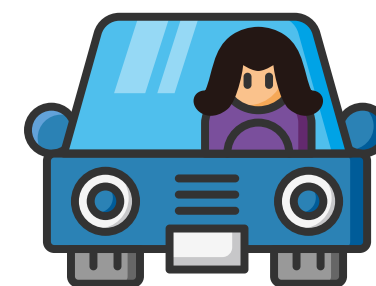
Airport

London Stansted Airport is the closest to Cambridge. It is 30 miles (approx. 48 km) from Cambridge and takes 30 minutes by train.



Rail

There are direct train connections from London Kings Cross, St Pancras, Blackfriars and Liverpool Street to Cambridge. The train journey takes from 50 minutes to 1 hour and 20 minutes depending on the connection.



Car

The closest public car park is Park Street (less than a 5-minute walk from WYNG Gardens) and more information about pricing and location etc is available at the Cambridge Council website (see useful links below).



Taxi

If you are arriving by taxi please ask your driver to take you to WYNG Gardens, Thompson's Lane. (If you asked for Trinity Hall the taxi will take you to the main College on Trinity Lane and then it is a 10-minute walk to Thompson's Lane.) Please refer to the attached maps for details.



Pedestrian

Yellow route on map indicates pedestrian route to Trinity Hall Central Site, CB2 1TJ and Wychfield, CB3 0DZ.

Address:

WYNG Gardens
Thompsons Lane
Cambridge CB5 8A

Accommodation

WYNG Gardens (see map on page 8), a popular new conference venue in central Cambridge, provides high quality, contemporary conference facilities, meeting rooms and en-suite overnight accommodation for delegates.

WYNG Gardens bedrooms include:

- ▶ En-suite bathroom with shower
- ▶ WiFi, Fairtrade hospitality tray, bathrobe and slippers, complimentary overnight toiletries
- ▶ Freeview TV, work desk and chair, high-speed internet connection.

Please note:

Check in from 16:00–18:00 on the day of arrival at WYNG Gardens.
Check out by 10:00 on the day of departure.

The porters will be happy to help if attendees need to store luggage once they have vacated their room. If any attendees need an early check-in let us know if it can be arranged. The porters' desk is manned 24/7 so late arrivals will still be able to check-in.

Teaching locations

**Monday 14 September,
Tuesday 15 September and
Thursday 17 September:**

Leslie Stephen Room
Trinity Hall, Trinity Lane,
Cambridge, CB2 1TJ UK

Friday 18 September:

WYNG Gardens, Conference Room 1
Thompsons Lane,
Cambridge CB5 8AQ UK

There will be no lectures on Wednesday 16 September, as you will be visiting London.



Practical information

We recommend comfortable shoes for the punting tour on the evening of Monday 14 September in Cambridge and day out in London on Wednesday 16 September, as you will be walking a lot.

Weather

Be prepared for a little bit of rain, as September in England can be unpredictable. Hopefully, there will be a lot of sunshine!

Please note that there is no air conditioning in your accommodation, as it is not typical in United Kingdom to have air conditioning – most of the year it is not needed. We recommend you bring a jacket and a sweater or cardigan for the cooler evenings.



Meal plan

The following is a list of the locations where you will be enjoying your meals during the week:

	BREAKFAST	LUNCH	DINNER
MONDAY MON	08:15-09:00 Dining Hall (Central site)	12:30-13:30 Dining Hall (Central site)	19:00 SIX 6th floor, The Varsity Hotel Thompson’s Lane Cambridge CB5 8AQ
TUESDAY TUE	08:15-09:00 Dining Hall (Central site)	12:30-13:30 Dining Hall (Central site)	Evening off -
WEDNESDAY WED	- There will be a short opportunity to purchase breakfast at Cambridge Railway Station before departure.	TBA The Old Bank of England, London	Evening off -
THURSDAY THU	08:15-09:00 Dining Hall (Central site)	12:00-12:50 Dining Hall (Central site)	18:00-20:30 King's College King’s Parade, Cambridge, CB2 1ST, UK
FRIDAY FRI	08:15-09:00 Dining Hall (Central site)	12:30-13:30 WYNG Gardens Common Room	

**Monday
14 September**

On Monday evening, we have arranged a punting (boat) tour on the River Cam, starting from Magdalene Bridge. During the tour, we pass some of Cambridge's historic colleges and bridges, including the Mathematical Bridge, King's College Chapel, and the Bridge of Sighs.

After the tour, we will have dinner at Restaurant Six, where we can enjoy the panoramic views across Cambridge's skyline.

**Wednesday
16 September**

Wednesday includes a full day of excursions:

Tour of Legal London

A guided tour of legal London with **Imogen Rumbold**, a former shipping lawyer and partner at Lax & Co. Imogen has extensive experience in maritime law and shipping disputes, and will show us some of the main

Lunch at The Old Bank of England

We will have lunch at the pub called The Old bank of England, which is located at Fleet street. The building is known for its grand Victorian interior, including high ceilings and original architectural features.

Visit to West of England P&I Club

We have arranged a visit to West P&I Club, a leading insurance provider to the global maritime industry. Nicola Cox and her colleagues will talk about topical cases and gain insight into how P&I Clubs handle real world disputes and claims.

London on Your Own

Enjoy a free evening in London. A train ticket back to Cambridge will be provided.

**Thursday
17 September**

On Thursday evening, we have arranged a group dinner at King's College. The College, founded in 1441 by King Henry VI, is one of the oldest colleges in Cambridge and is best known for its Chapel. Dinner will be served in one of the College's historic rooms.

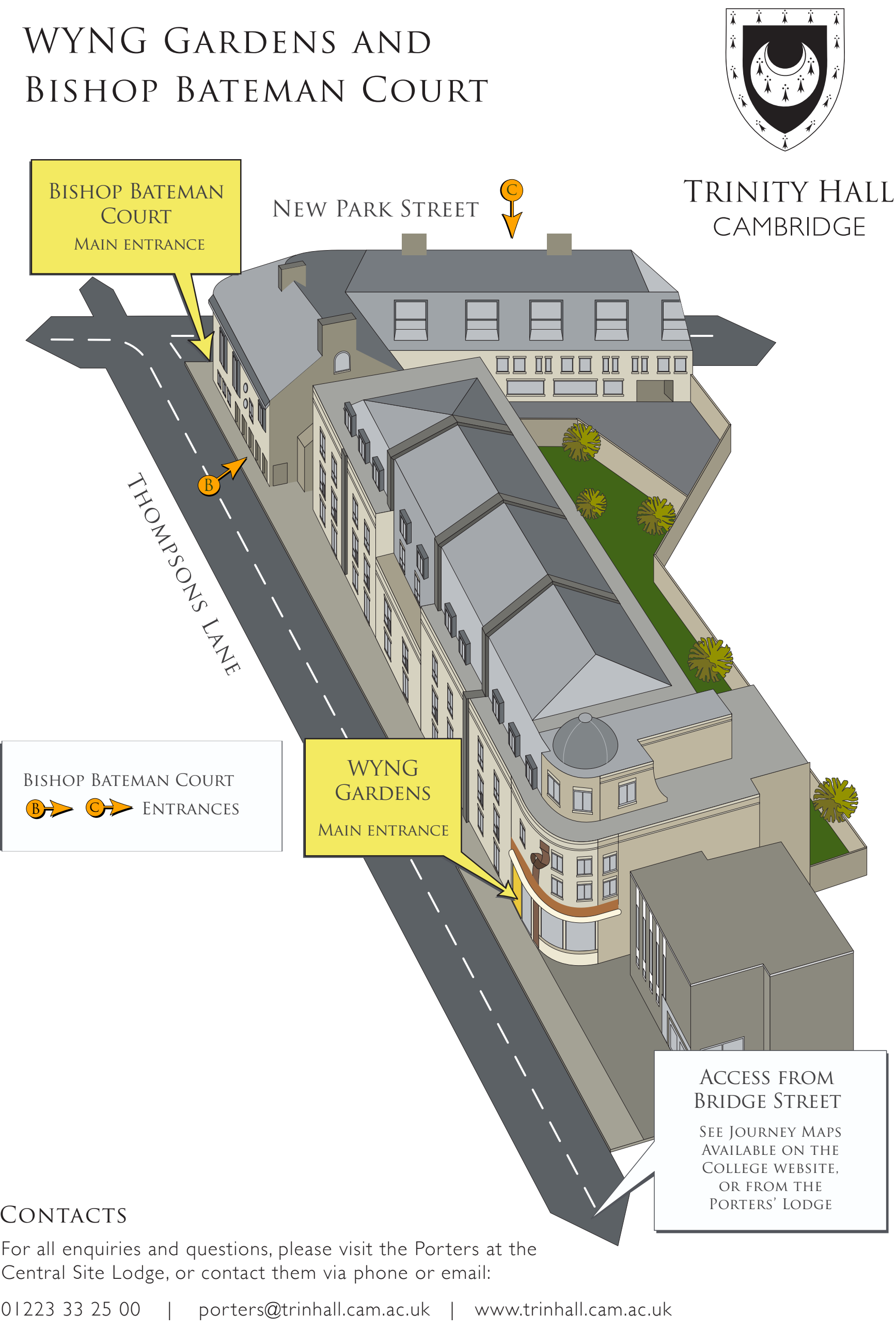
About the Maritime Law Academy

The BIMCO Maritime Law Academy takes place at Trinity Hall in Cambridge. It is a residential programme, with participants staying near the college at Wyng Gardens. The residential format is an important part of the experience, encouraging discussion, networking and the exchange of perspectives both in and outside the classroom.

The programme combines expert-led sessions with practical case studies, giving participants the opportunity to explore how legal and commercial issues arise in everyday shipping operations and disputes. Participants learn how disputes are resolved through sound legal argumentation and careful case preparation. On Friday, the participants can put their knowledge into practice in a mock arbitration hearing based on a realistic shipping dispute.

The week also includes social and networking activities, including dinners, punting at the river cam, and visits to legal institutions in London, providing further opportunities to connect with fellow participants and industry experts.

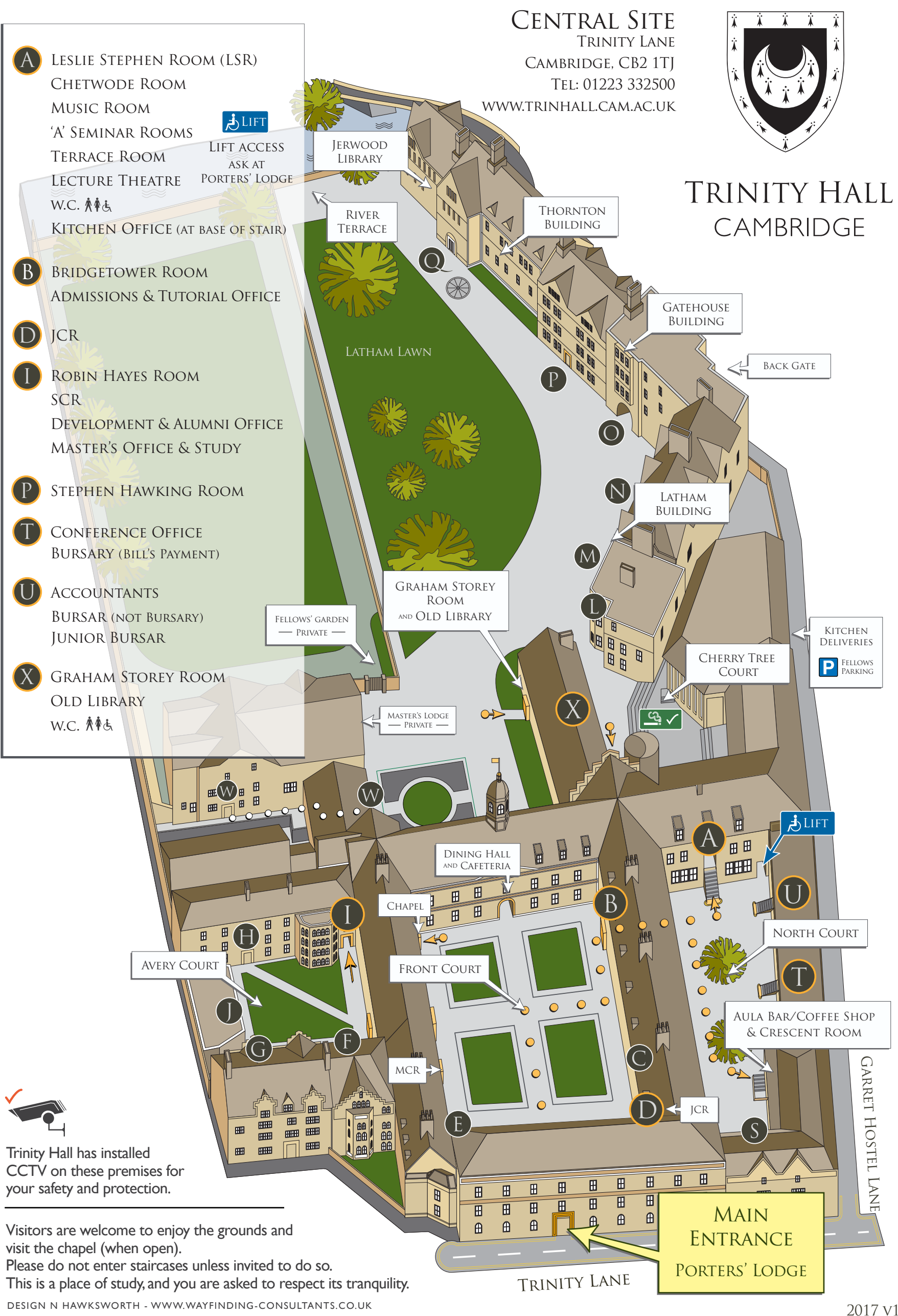
The Maritime Law Academy is designed for professionals who wish to better understand the legal foundations of the shipping industry, particularly in areas such as maritime law, marine insurance, charter parties and dispute resolution. The programme offers a practical introduction to the legal and contractual complexities of shipping and an opportunity to apply that knowledge to real-world scenarios.



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Useful links

Cambridge:

<https://www.visitcambridge.org/>

Public transport:

<https://www.traveline.info/>

Rail travel:

<https://www.nationalrail.co.uk/stations/CBG/details.aspx>

<https://www.thetrainline.com>

Coach travel:

<https://www.nationalexpress.com/en>

Parking:

<https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/parking>

Trinity Hall:

<https://www.trinhall.cam.ac.uk/find-us/>

<https://conferences.trinhall.cam.ac.uk/>

<https://conferences.trinhall.cam.ac.uk/conferences/wyng-gardens/>

Taxi (Cambridge):

<http://www.panthertaxis.co.uk>

Standsted Airport:

<https://www.stanstedairport.com/>

Restaurants:

<https://www.sixcambridge.co.uk/>



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