

Access Audit Wadham College

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Disclaimer

The Equality Act 2010 is not prescriptive and does not contain specific guidance on the design or provision of building features. It is not possible to state that provision of a specific feature will ensure 'compliance' with the Act. Therefore, acting on the recommendations within this report will not guarantee 'compliance' with equality legislation. In addition, it is important to note that there may be alternative methods of improving access.

Emergency egress for disabled people is not in the scope of this audit. When considering safe egress it is recommended that professional advice is sought e.g. from a Fire Safety Officer.

Scope of audit

This access audit has been undertaken as part of the audit of Colleges and Permanent Private Halls. The focus of the audit has been on areas of Wadham College likely to be accessed by students. Staff areas are not part of the in-depth audit.

Criteria for assessment

The following documents contain examples of good practice to make facilities more accessible to disabled people and are used as criteria for assessment and the basis for recommendations:

- The Building Regulations 2010. Access to and use of buildings. Approved Document M.
- (https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/atta chment data/file/441786/BR PDF AD M2 2015.pdf)
- The Building Regulations 2010. Protection from falling, collision and impact. Approved Document K. (https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/atta chment_data/file/443181/BR_PDF_AD_K_2013.pdf)
- British Standards 8300-2:2018. Design of an accessible and inclusive built environment. Buildings. Codes of Practice. (https://shop.bsigroup.com/ProductDetail?pid=00000000030335835)
- The Sign Design Guide (<u>https://www.signdesignsociety.co.uk/book/the-sign-design-guide/</u>)
- Building for Equality: Disability and the Built Environment (<u>https://publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201617/cmselect/cmwomeq/631/631.pdf</u>)

Consultation

Chris Cox, Building Services Manager, provided plans of the College and acted as a guide for the access audit. He also provided information on College arrangements. Dr Michael Froggatt, Acting Senior Tutor and Tutor for Admissions provided information on supporting students with disabilities at Wadham.

Impact of Covid 19 Pandemic

As this audit was undertaken during the Covid 19 pandemic the assessment was impacted both by the way in which many of the rooms were set out, and also by the one way systems in place in some of the buildings.

Legislation

Part 3 of the Equality Act 2010 sets out provisions to protect people from discrimination when accessing services and public functions, whether provided in the public or private sector and whether they are paid for or not. Service providers have a duty to make reasonable adjustments to ensure that disabled people are not substantially disadvantaged when compared with non-disabled people. The duty requires service providers to take positive steps that will ensure disabled people are able to enjoy a comparable degree of access to a service as that enjoyed by the public generally.

Part 5 of the Act sets out provisions to protect people against discrimination in the workplace.

Introduction

Wadham College has several listed buildings. The Front Quad including the Chapel, Hall, old Library, kitchen and Cloister are all Grade I listed. The south block including Staircase 9 is Grade II* listed. The old stables on Parks Road, the Gardens and some of the garden and boundary walls are Grade II listed. Any alterations or additions to the listed parts of Wadham College should be discussed with the planning officer to explore whether planning consent is required.

Access to Wadham College

There is level access into the College from Parks Road through the main gate. There is also level access from Broad Street through gate 31/32 and Holywell Gate.

There is vehicle access from Parks Road into the Fellows' car park and another entrance from Parks Road to the area in front of the Warden's Lodgings. There is also vehicle access through the Elephant gate from Parks Road but this tends to be used only by contractors. Students requiring parking need to discuss this with the College in advance.

Priority

Suggested priorities for adjustments are denoted as:

- 1. High
- 2. Medium
- 3. Low



Reference	Item and photo ref	Current situation	Recommendations & comments	Priority
1.0 - Appro	ach and entranc	es		
1.1.1	Approaches: Parks Road Main Entrance	There is level access from the main gate on Parks Road into Front Quad.		
		The gate has an effective clear width of 920mm.	This is good practice.	
		The gate is normally left open during the day. The gate is locked at night and students ring the bell to gain access. The bell		
		is 1010mm from the floor within the recommended height range. (ADM, 4.30, (c), recommends 750 mm to 1200 mm for anything requiring precise hand control).	This is good practice.	
1.1.2	Approaches: Main Entrance:	There is level access from Ferry Pool Road into Merifield.	This is good practice.	
	Merifield	The pedestrian gate has an effective clear width of 960mm and the gate is automatic.	This is good practice.	
		The access controls are 1020mm and 1200mm from the ground, within the recommended 800mm – 1200mm.	This is good practice.	
1.1.3	Approaches: Main Entrance:	There is level access from the footpath on Iffley Road.	This is good practice.	
	Dorothy Wadham Building	The main doors have an effective clear width of 1920mm and are powered.	This is good practice.	
		The access controls are 890mm from the floor.	This is good practice.	



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1.0 - Approa	ach and entranc	es		
1.2	Approaches: Alternative Entrances: Holywell Street Gates	The two gates on Holywell Street both have heavy closers. The 30/32 gate gives level entry	Consider powering the gates or adjusting the closers to reduce the force needed to open them.	2
		into the College from Holywell Street.	This is good practice.	1
	Photo 1	 The effective clear widths of these gates are as follows: 30/32 gate 600mm Pedestrian entrance Holywell gate 580mm These are less than the recommended 775 mm for an entrance gate, (ADM Table 2). The cut out door at 30/32 gate has a threshold which is 200mm high. Some people will not be able to manage the doors due either the lintel or the heavy closers. 	As both entrances on Hollywood Street are narrow consider if there is any way of providing a wider door without a lintel or arranging for one of the gates to open fully to make access easier for all.	2
		The wicket door has a door knob which some people may find difficult to manage. ADM 3.10c recommends that door furniture should be easy to operate with one hand using a closed fist i.e. a lever handle.	Consider replacing the door knob with a lever handle which can be operated with a closed fist.	3
		The access controls for both doors are within the recommended height ranges.	This is good practice.	
		If people are unable to use these entrances the main gate gives level access to the College.	This may be considered a reasonable adjustment.	



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1.3.1	Approaches: Vehicle Entrances: Parks Road	 There are vehicle entrances in the following locations: Parks Road - 2 Elephant Gate (contractors and staff only) 31/32 Gate Holywell Road The Parks Road access to the Fellows' car park is kept open during the day. At night the Porters manage the gate from the Lodge. People either call in at the Lodge or ring the Lodge to request the gate is opened. The Elephant Gate is used only 	This may be considered a reasonable adjustment.	
1.3.2	Approaches: Vehicle Entrances: Merifield	by contractors and staff. The vehicle entrance has a powered gate and the access control is 1020mm from the ground.	This is good practice.	
1.3.3	Approaches: Vehicle Entrances: Dorothy Wadham Building	The vehicle entrance is accessed from Charles Street. The access control is 870mm from the ground. The gate is automatic.	This is good practice. This is good practice.	
1.4.1	Approaches: Parking: Parks Road	At the main site Wadham does not have any marked designated accessible parking spaces. ADM, 1.18, advises a space 2400mm x 4800mm with a 1200mm accessibility and safety zone, (Diagram 2).	Consider marking out a space on the ground in one of the car parking areas and including a safety zone so that it is easily visible and maintains the width of the space.	1



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1.4.1	Approaches: Parking: Parks Road	There is no signage to indicate an accessible parking space. A space can be reserved if a student needs a car to access their department. Any students needing to have access to a car are advised to contact the	Consider installing a blue badge sign. This should be a vertical sign with a wheelchair symbol, and the text "Blue Badge holders only" as described in BS8300 Figure 5.	1
		College in advance to discuss their requirements.	a reasonable adjustment.	
1.4.2	Approaches: Parking: Bursary Quad	Holywell Gate provides vehicle entrance into this Quad. This would be the parking which is closest to the Dr Lee Kau Shee building.	This is good practice.	
		There is no accessible parking space or signage in this Quad, as parking is not usually permitted here.	Consider marking space on the ground and providing signage as described in 1.4.1 above.	3
1.4.2	Approaches: Parking: Merifield	There is no designated accessible parking at Merifield. Although there are not currently any accessible rooms here there may be students who need an accessible space.	Consider marking out a space as described in 1.4.1 above. Consider installing a blue badge sign.	3
		If students need to have their car at College arrangements can be made for onsite parking. This is determined on an individual basis.	This may be considered a reasonable adjustment.	
1.4.3	Approaches: Parking: Dorothy Wadham Building	There is a parking space at the Dorothy Wadham building but this has no signage or markings on the ground.	Consider marking out a space and installing a sign as described in 1.4.1 above.	1



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1.4.3	Approaches: Parking: Dorothy Wadham Building	The access control to the parking area is 870mm from the ground. There is a microphone set at 1010mm from the ground. The gates at each end of the parking area have an effective	This is good practice. This is good practice.	
		clear width of 1100mm.		
1.5	Approaches: Signage	Like many of the Oxford Colleges there is limited signage identifying Wadham. This may make it difficult to find the College. Normally there is a board in place at the Main Gate with the College name displayed.	This may be considered a reasonable adjustment.	
		The signs at Merifield and also the Dorothy Wadham Building are quite small and may be difficult for some people to discern.	Consider adding signage at both locations so that it is easy for people to find.	3
1.6	Approaches: Website	There is a range of information on access for disabled people on the College website reached in the visit us or student pages.	Consider adding a link to the Access Guide page for Wadham: <u>https://www.accessguide.</u> <u>ox.ac.uk/wadham-college</u>	1



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2.0 – Porters' Lodge						
2.1	Porters' Lodge:	The door to the Lodge is automatic and has an effective clear width of 1250mm. The archway in front of the doors is 950mm wide.	This is good practice.			
		The majority of the desk space is 760mm from the floor which is the recommended height, (ADM, 4.16, c).	This is good practice.			
		There is room to manoeuvre a wheelchair in the Lodge.	This is good practice.			
		The Lodge has a hearing loop and a textphone.	This is good practice.			
		The Porters are happy to provide assistance to students when needed.	This is good practice.			
2.2	Porters' Lodge: Main Site: Pigeonholes	The pigeonholes are in the Lodge and are set at varying heights. The Porters will either adjust the height of the pigeonhole allocated to a student if necessary or will take their post to them.	This is good practice.			
2.3	Porters Lodge: Main Site: Hearing Loop	The Wadham accessibility guide page on the College website states that the Lodge has a hearing loop. However when I asked about this on my visit the	Consider providing training and updating on the use of the hearing loop for the Lodge staff.	1		
	Photo 2	staff on duty were not aware of a hearing loop and there was no signage in place to indicate that a hearing loop was available.	Consider installing signage to indicate that there is a hearing loop available.	1		



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2.0 – Porter	s Lodge			
2.4	Porters Lodge: Reception:	The desk is 720mm from the floor.	This is good practice.	
	Dorothy Wadham Building	There is room to manoeuvre a wheelchair in this space.	This is good practice.	



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3.0 – Access	sible Toilets			
3.1	Accessible Toilets	There are ten accessible toilets at Wadham. Eight are on the main site and two are in the Dorothy Wadham Building, (DWB). There are also accessible toilets in the accessible bedrooms.	This is good practice.	
3.2	Accessible Toilets: Dimensions	Current recommendations for the size of accessible toilets are between 2200 x 1500mm, (ADM, Diagram 18) or 2200mm x 1700mm, (BS8300:2 (18.5.3 Fig 40). The dimensions of most of the toilets at Wadham meet the current ADM guidance: • Staircase 4 First Floor – 1690mm x 2209mm • Café – 1530mm x 2200mm • Lee Kau Shee Building – 1530mm x 2200mm • MCR – 1530mm x 2050mm • DWB Lobby - 1650mm x 2710mm • DWB Garden Room– 2090mm x 1900mm The following toilets are slightly smaller than the recommended dimensions: • JCR – 1469mm x 2082mm • Staircase 6 – 2070mm x 1500mm • Library - 2030mm x 1350mm • Bowra Building –	This is good practice. This is for information for the College rather than a recommendation for change.	



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3.0 – Acces	sible Toilets			
3.2	Accessible Toilets: Dimensions	The users of larger wheelchairs may find the slightly undersize toilets difficult to access. However, there are toilets that meet the recommended dimensions in the William Doo and Lee Kau Shee buildings.	This may be considered a reasonable adjustment.	
3.3	Accessible Toilets: Emergency Assistance Alarms	BS8300 recommends the emergency assistance alarms should have two bangles. The lower bangle should be 100mm from the floor and the higher bangle between 800 – 1000mm from the floor. The alarm bangles in the Lee Kau Shee Building toilet and William Doo café are within the correct height ranges. The following alarm cords have one or both bangles slightly outside the recommended heights:	This is good practice.	
		 Staircase 4 – 101mm and 750mm Staircase 6 – 300mm and 900mm Library – 60mm and 1030mm JCR - 130mm and 980mm Bowra Building – Floor and 790mm MCR – no lower bangle and 820mm 	Consider ensuring the emergency assistance alarms have both bangles in place and that these are at the recommended heights.	1



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3.3	Accessible Toilets: Emergency Assistance Alarms Photo 3	 The assistance alarms in the two toilets in the Dorothy Wadham Building had two bangles but the alarm cords were tied up in some way meaning the bangles are not at the recommended heights: Foyer – 1780mm and above Garden Room Lower Bangle – 200mm 	Consider ensuring the alarm cords are untied and the bangles are at the recommended heights. Consider using cards attached to the red pull cords to advise against tying up the cords. A supply of these can be provided to the College. Please email to request: janet.higham@admin.ox .ac.uk	1
3.4	Accessible Toilets: Emergency Assistance Alarms: Reset Buttons	AD M 2(5.4hii) recommends that the reset control for the emergency assistance alarm should be reachable from the toilet. They should be within the range of 800mm – 1000mm, (ADM Diagram 19).		
		The reset buttons in the toilets in the Dorothy Wadham Building are within reach of the toilet and within the recommended height range.	This is good practice.	
		 The reset buttons in the following toilets are within reach of the toilet and just outside the recommended height range: JCR - 1050mm William Doo Café – 1070mm Dr Lee Kau Shee building – 1070mm 	As this is so close to the recommended range this is for information for the College rather than a recommendation for change.	



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3.4	Accessible Toilets: Emergency Assistance Alarms: Reset Buttons Photos 4 and 5	 The alarm reset buttons in the following toilets are not reachable from the toilet or are outside the recommended height range: Staircase 4 – reset in Lodge Staircase 6 – reset in Lodge Library – 1240mm high Bowra Building – 1000mm by the door MCR – 920mm on the far side of the transfer space These reset buttons will be difficult for some people to reach. 	Consider installing the reset buttons as recommended in ADM in the range 800mm – 1000mm and reachable from the toilet when these toilets are next refurbished.	1
3.5	Accessible Toilets: Seats	ADM diagram 18 and BS8300, Fig. 42 advises the toilet seats should be 480mm high. These toilet seats are at the recommended height: • Staircase 4 • Library • MCR • JCR • Dr Lee Kau Shee Building • William Doo café The Bowra Building toilet seat is	This is good practice. As this is so close to the	
		slightly above the recommended height at 490mm. The toilet seats in the following areas are below the recommended height: • Staircase 6 – 460mm • DWB Foyer - 440mm • DWB Garden Room - 420mm	recommended range this is for information for the College rather than a recommendation for change. Consider replacing these seats with seats at the recommended heights.	1



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3.0 – Access	sible Toilets			
3.5	Accessible Toilets: Seats	BS8300 – 2, (18.1.7) recommends toilet seats should contrast visually with the pan		
		and cistern. The toilets in staircase 6 and the Library have contrasting seats.	This is good practice.	
		 The following toilets do not have contrasting seats: Bowra Building MCR JCR Dr Lee Kau Shee Building Café DWB – both toilets 	Consider replacing these toilet seats with seats which are in a contrasting colour.	1
		This may make them difficult for people with visual impairments to distinguish.		
3.6	Accessible Toilets: Lids	Lids on toilets can impede transfers for some wheelchair users. Both toilets in the Dorothy Wadham Building have lids.	Consider removing the toilet lids to make wheelchair transfers easier.	1
3.7	Accessible Toilets: Doors	All of the accessible toilet doors have clear effective widths of between 800mm and 1000mm.	This is good practice.	
		Most of the toilet doors are on a light closer and will stay open.	This is good practice.	



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3.7	Accessible	The door to the toilet in the	Consider adjusting the	2
	Toilets:	foyer of the Dorothy Wadham	closer to reduce the	
	Doors	Building is on a heavy closer.	force needed to open	
		These doors may be difficult for	this door.	
2.0	A	some people to manage.		
3.8	Accessible	For toilet flushes BS8300:2		
	Toilets: Flushes	(18.5.3.4) recommends a spatula		
	Flushes	type lever on the transfer or open side of the toilet.		
		The following toilets meet this		
		recommendation:	This is good practice.	
		Staircase 4		
		Staircase 6		
		Library		
		DWB Lobby		
		,		
		The following toilets have the	Consider relocating	1
		flushes installed on the non-	these flushes to the	
		transfer side of the toilet:	transfer side of the	
		Bowra Building	toilet.	
	Photo 6	MCR		
		DWB Garden Room		
		This may make it difficult for		
		some people to manage flushing		
		these toilets.		
			Consider replacing with	2
		The following toilets have lever	a spatula flush as	
		flushes rather than spatula flushes:	recommended in	
		Bowra Building	BS8300 when the toilets	
		 Bowra Building MCR 	are next refurbished.	



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3.0 – Acces	sible Toilets			
3.8	Accessible Toilets: Flushes	 The following toilets have push button flushes behind the toilet: JCR Dr Lee Kau Shee Café The buttons are a large size but their location means that some people may find these toilets difficult to flush. Pushbutton flushes can also require a high force to operate which some people may find difficult. 	Consider replacing the push button flushes with the recommended spatula flushes or installing a proximity sensor.	1
3.9	Accessible Toilets: Contrast Fittings	Fittings, (grab rails), in good contrast to the floor and walls are recommended as these assist people with visual impairments to distinguish them.	This is good proctice	
	Photo 7 Photo 8	 Nearly all of the toilets have good contrast fittings. The following toilet fittings have either no contrast or a weak contrast: Bowra Building MCR (some fittings near the toilet contrast with the walls and some are the same colour) 	This is good practice. Consider either repainting the walls in a stronger colour or replacing the fittings with fittings in a stronger more contrasting colour.	2
3.10	Accessible Toilets: Bins	The sanitary bins in DWB are automatic. The sanitary bins in the rest of the College are foot operated. Some people are unable to use foot operated bins.	This is good practice. Consider replacing the sanitary bins with bins which are automatic or hand operated.	2



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3.0 – Access	sible Toilets			
3.10	Accessible Toilets: Bins	The bins are in the transfer space in the following toilets: • Staircase 4 • Staircase 6 • Bowra Building • Library • JCR • Dr Lee Kau Shee • Café • MCR This reduces the room to accommodate a wheelchair and allow wheelchair transfers.	Consider relocating the bins and having a management policy to avoid bins being left in transfer spaces.	1
3.11	Accessible Toilets: Sinks	ADM, Diagram 19 shows that sinks should be located between 720mm - 740mm. The sinks in the following locations are within the recommended height range: JCR Dr Lee Kau Shee Café MCR	This is good practice.	
		 The following sinks are slightly below the recommended height range: Staircase 6 – 700mm Library - 710mm Bowra Building – 700mm 	Consider installing sinks at the recommended height when these toilets are next refurbished.	2
		 The following sinks are below the recommended height range which may make them difficult for some people to use: DWB Lobby– 660mm DWB Garden Room– 660mm 	Consider relocating these sinks within the recommended height range.	1



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3.0 – Access	sible Toilets			
3.12	Accessible Toilets: Dispensers	 ADM, Diagram 19 shows that the following items should be located between 800mm – 1000mm from the floor: Soap Dispenser Paper Towel Dispenser Hand Drier Toilet Roll Dispenser The soap dispensers in the following toilets are within the recommended height range: Staircase 4 Bowra Building JCR Dr Lee Kau Shee Building MCR DWB – Garden DWB – Lobby 	This is good practice.	
		The following soap dispensers are outside the recommended range: • Staircase 6 – 1070mm • Library – 1070mm • Café - 1080mm The soap dispenser in the JCR toilet is 1020mm, just above the recommended 1000mm.	Consider relocating these soap dispensers when the toilets are next refurbished. As this is so close to the recommended range this is for information for the College rather than a recommendation for change.	2
	Photo 9	The paper towel dispenser in the DWB Lobby toilet is within the correct height range. However it is on the opposite side of the room from the sink which may make it difficult for some people to manage.	Consider relocating this towel dispenser closer to the sink when the toilet is next refurbished.	2



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3.0 – Access	sible Toilets			
3.12	Accessible Toilets: Dispensers	 The paper towel dispensers in the following toilets are outside the recommended height range: Staircase 4 – 1030mm Staircase 6 – 1070mm Library – 1050mm JCR – 1020mm 	Consider relocating these paper towel dispensers when these toilets are next refurbished.	2
		Six of the seven hand driers are within the recommended height range. The hand drier in the Bowra toilet is slightly above the recommended height range at 1040mm.	Consider relocating this drier when this toilet is next refurbished.	2
		Most of the toilet roll dispensers are within the recommended 800mm – 1000mm.	This is good practice.	
	Photo 10	The toilet roll dispenser in the Staircase 6 toilet is within the recommended height range but almost behind the toilet and level with the cistern. This may be difficult for some people to reach.	Consider relocating the toilet roll dispenser when this toilet is next refurbished.	1
		 These toilet roll dispensers are slightly above the recommended range: DWB Lobby – 1090mm DWB Garden Room - 1060mm 	Consider relocating these toilet roll dispensers when these toilets are next refurbished.	2



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3.0 – Access	sible Toilets			
3.13	Accessible Toilets: Lighting	Most of the accessible toilets have automatic lighting. There is a pull cord in the Bowra Building toilet which is 840mm from the floor. Some people find	This is good practice.	
		pull cords difficult to manage. ADM, (4.3h), recommends that where a pull cord is used there is a 50mm diameter bangle in a contrasting colour which is set between 900mm and 1100mm from the floor.	Consider installing automatic lighting or providing a contrasting bangle of the recommended diameter instead.	2



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4.0 - Lifts				
4.1	Lifts:	These lifts meet the current		
	Passenger	recommended dimensions for		
	Lifts: Dr Lee	passenger lifts of 1400mm x	This is good practice.	
	Kau Shee,	1100mm. The door width and		
	William Doo	lift button heights also meet the		
	and Dorothy	current recommended		
	Wadham	dimensions.		
	Buildings			
4.2	Lifts:	This passenger lift meets the		
7.2	Passenger	recommended dimensions and	This is good practice.	
	Lifts: Bowra	door width. It also has tactile		
	Building	buttons which are within the		
	Dunung	recommended height range.		
		recommended height range.		
		ADM, (3.34, j), recommends	This is just for	
		there should be audible or	information for the	
		visible indication of lift arrival	College rather than a	
		and location in the lift. As this	recommendation for	
		lift is older it does not have	change.	
		these.		
		This lift doos not have a mirror	Consider adding a mirror	
		This lift does not have a mirror	Consider adding a mirror	1
		in it. ADM, (3.34, d), states that	to this lift so that a	1
		where a lift does not have room	wheelchair user can see	
		for a wheelchair user to turn	the space behind the	
		round a mirror is provided in the	wheelchair when exiting	
		car to enable the person to see	the lift.	
		the space behind the		
4.0		wheelchair.		
4.3	Lifts:	This passenger lift is slightly	This is just for	
	Graduate	smaller than the current	information for the	
	Centre	recommendations as it is	College rather than a	
		1330mm deep and 1010mm	recommendation for	
		wide.	change.	
		This may be difficult for the		
		users of the largest wheelchairs.		
		If access was a problem for a	This may be considered	
		student meetings could be	a reasonable	
		arranged in other rooms in the	adjustment.	
		College.		



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4.0 - Lifts				
4.4	Lifts: Stair Lift: Fellows' Dining Hall	This stair lift is operated by staff when in use.		
		The controls are between 950mm and 1090mm.	This is good practice.	
		The platform measures 1150mm x 800mm. This is slightly less than the current recommendation of 1250 mm x 800 mm. The users of the largest wheelchairs may have difficulty using the stair lift.	This is just for information for the College rather than a recommendation for change. If the stair lift is replaced consider installing one of the recommended dimensions.	3
4.5	Lifts: Platform Lift: Staircase 4	I was unable to fully assess this lift on my visit as it was locked. The lift has backlit tactile	This is good practice.	
		buttons and audio information.		
		The call buttons were at the recommended height range.	This is good practice.	
		The door has an effective clear width of approximately 800mm.	This is good practice.	



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5.0 - Stairs				
	Stairs: Nosings on Treads and Risers	The stairs across Wadham reflect the different ages of the buildings. Some of the staircases lack nosings, (contrast markings), on the risers and treads. There are also stairs where the markings are present but are worn or difficult to distinguish. There are some stairs with contrast markings on the tread only. ADK recommends nosings which are a minimum of 55mm wide on the tread and the riser. They		
	Photos 11, 12, 13, 14	should be in a material that contrasts visually with the stairs and of non-slip materials. Below are some examples of stairs without contrast markings on treads and/or risers or which have markings with poor contrast: • Staircase IV • Staircase 25 • Bowra Building – external steps	Consider adding stair nosings on the tread and riser, as described in ADK, using high contrast, non-slip materials or paint, where they are absent. Consider replacing where the markings are	2
	Photos 15, 16	external steps • Barbara Naylor Garden steps Wadham also has many examples of effective nosings : • Staircase XI • Merifield • Dorothy Wadham Building	where the markings are worn or in poor contrast.	



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5.0 - Stairs				
5.2	Stairs: Handrails Photos 17, 18, 19, 20	Quite a lot of the stairs at Wadham have only one handrail, or only bannisters. Some people may find these stairs difficult to use. Bannisters can be difficult to grasp for some people and therefore handrails are preferred to bannisters.ADK advises a continuous handrail on each side of the stairs. The handrails should contrast visually with the background against which they are seen without being highly 	Consider installing additional handrails as advised in ADK, (1.35 and 1.6) in those areas without handrails or only one handrail. Consider this for all stairs lacking handrails including the examples listed in this report.	2



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5.0 - Stairs				
5.3	Stairs: Handrails William Doo and Dr lee Shau Kee Buildings	The handrails in these buildings may be difficult for some people to use as they are not full handrails which allow people to fully grip the rail.	Consider installing additional handrails as described on 5.2 above.	3
	Photo 21	There is no visual contrast between the rail and the surrounding wall which may make it difficult for people with visual impairments to distinguish the rail. Some people may find it difficult to manage these stairs.	Consder using contrasting rails so that the handrail is easy to distinguish.	3
		There are also passenger lifts available in these buildings.	This may be considered a reasonable adjustment.	
5.4	Stairs: Handrails Barbara Naylor Garden Photo 22	The handrail on one side of the Barbara Naylor Garden stairs has foliage growing over the handrail. This may make the handrail difficult to use for some people. It is noted that the college has	Consider ensuring that the handrails are kept clear of any foliage to make them easy to use for all.	1
5.5	Stairs:	had staff on furlough which may have affected this situation.	Consider improving	2
5.5	Lighting	strength of the lighting on staircases and in corridors at night. Good lighting makes access easier for everyone and particularly people with visual impairments.	lighting in areas where light levels are low.	-



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6.0 - Doors				
6.1	Doors: Manual Doors: Closers	As might be expected there are a variety of styles of doors across Wadham. Many of the manual doors are heavy or have heavy closers. These doors may be difficult for some people to manage.	Consider adjusting the closers on these doors to reduce the force needed to open them or the use of hold back devices to make access easier.	2
6.2	Doors: Powered	 There are powered doors to the following areas: Porters Lodge Accessible Bedroom Staircase 6 Library Accessible Bedroom and kitchen doors in the Access Centre Laundry Access Centre William Doo Building Doors Dr Lee Kau Shee Building Doors Dr Lee Kau Shee Scholarship Room doors JCR kitchen Café JCR bar MCR Main Door Bowra Building Doors DWB Accessible Entrance DWB Accessible kitchens 	This is good practice.	
6.3	Doors: Access to Key Areas:	With the new seminar rooms in the Access Centre and the bar being relocated may of the key		
	Closers	routes in Wadham now have powered doors.	This is good practice.	



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6.0 - Doors				
6.3	Doors: Access to Key Areas: Closers	On one or two routes to key areas such as the refectory, the Moser theatre and the gym the manual doors tend to be heavy with medium or heavy closers. These doors may make access difficult for a variety of people. This is particularly the case where there are double doors with narrow individual leaves 	On routes to key areas where the doors are not powered consider adjusting the closers to reduce the force needed to open the doors. If appropriate, consider using hold back devices or powering doors. This would create accessible routes to these areas.	2



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6.0 - Doors				
6.5	Doors: Door Furniture and Keys	Many of the doors, have door knobs and are unlocked with keys. Door knobs can be difficult for some people to use. ADM 3.10c recommends that door furniture should be easy to operate with one hand using a closed fist i.e. a lever handle.	Where rooms are heavily used consider replacing the door knobs with the recommended lever handles.	1
		The new rooms in the Access Centre are unlocked using proximity cards. Keys can be difficult for some people including those with limited manual dexterity to manage. This also applies to fobs.	This is good practice. Consider changing to access control systems with proximity cards for any heavily used rooms which are unlocked with keys.	2



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7.0 – Quade	5			
7.4	Overder Frent	There is level a second frame Darks	This is so all supplies	1
7.1	Quads: Front	There is level access from Parks	This is good practice.	
	Quad	Road into Front Quad.		
		There is a wide, level, paved	This is good practice.	
		footpath around the quad.		
7.2	Quads: Back	The access into back Quad is by	This is good practice.	
	Quad	using temporary ramps in Front		
		Quad which provide access over		
		the steps here.		
		These ramps have a gradient of	This is good practice.	
		no more than 1:12.		
		There is level entry from Parks		
		Road through the Elephant		
		Gate. This tends to be used by		
		contractors.		
		The footpaths around the Quad	This is good practice.	
		are level and paved and are in		
		good repair.		
		The grass in this Quad is used as	Consider creating an	
	Photo 23	a social space. The lawns in this	area with level access	3
		Quad have a raised metal edge	onto the lawn with a	
		and there is also a shallow	ramp or "bridge" over	
		drainage ditch around the edge	the drainage channel.	
		of the lawns. This may make it		
		difficult for some people to		
		reach the lawns.		
7.3	Quads:	There is level access from Back		
	Webb Quad	Quad into Webb Quad. The		
		surface here is a mixture of		
		strips of hoggin and paved		
		strips. There is level access onto	This is good practice.	
		the grass.		
7.4	Quads:	There is level access into Bursary	This is good practice.	
	Bursary	Quad from Holywell Street and		
	Quad	from Back Quad.		
			This is accelerated	
		The surface is level with a mix of	This is good practice.	
		paving and stone setts.		



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Reference	Item and photo ref	Current situation	Recommendations & comments	Priority
7.0 – Quads	5			
7.5	Quads: Holywell Quad	There is stepped access into Holywell Quad from Webb Quad. This area is difficult to arrange access for. As the other Quads are accessible this may be considered a reasonable adjustment.		
7.6	Quads: Merrifield Quad	Access to this Quad is level from the main road. There is a level paved foot path around the edge of the grass. Access onto the grass is level.	This is good practice.	
7.7	Quads: Dorothy Wadham Building	There is level access from the Dorothy Wadham building into the outside space. There is a paved footpath around the edge of the quad level access onto the grass in the middle.	This is good practice.	
7.7	Quads: Lighting	It was not possible to assess the level of lighting in the Quads at night. Good lighting is crucial in ensuring that partially sighted people and people with sensory/neurological processing difficulties are able to negotiate spaces, (BS8300:2,14)	Consider reviewing the lighting for the outside areas of the Quads and where necessary adding additional lighting so that there is good visibility.	2



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8.0 – Garde	ens			
8.1	Gardens: Fellows' Garden	 The Fellows' Garden is reached from Front Quad by using a temporary ramp. There is a level footpath of hoggin around the edge of the garden. There is level access onto the grass here. 	This is good practice. This is good practice.	
8.2	Gardens: Cloister Garden	The Cloister Garden has level access from the Fellows' Garden onto the grass.	This is good practice.	
8.3	Gardens: Barbara Naylor Garden	The Barbara Naylor Garden can only be reached by using steps or the lift in the Graduate Centre. Anyone unable to manage the stairs can use this lift to enable them to access the garden.	This may be considered a reasonable adjustment.	



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9.0 – Librar	/			
9.1	Library: Access	The access to the Library is at first floor level. This can be reached by using stairs or by using the lift on the William Doo Undergraduate Centre which gives access to the main entrance to the library.	This is good practice.	
		The entrance door is powered and opens to 800mm. The exit push button is 1200mm from the floor and the access control is 1000mm from the floor. These are within the recommended height range.	This is good practice. This is good practice.	
		There is a door bell which is 1250mm from the floor and a microphone for the intercom at 1300mm from the floor. These are above the recommended range of 750mm to 1200mm, (ADM, 4.30, c).	Consider relocating the door bell and microphone to within the recommended height range.	2
9.2	Library: Mezzanine	There is level access to a limited area around the library desk. The rest of the library can only be reached by using stairs. I understand that there is a plan to install a lift in the Library as soon as funding is available to do so.	As this is the only Library in the College consider installing the planned lift to provide access to the levels in the Library which can currently only be reached by using stairs.	1
		The self service desk is an adjustable height desk. The fixed desk has two sections – the lower is 850mm from the floor which is equal to the maximum recommended height for a reception desk or counter.	This is good practice. This is good practice.	



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9.0 – Librar	y			
9.2	Library: Carrels	 The carrels can be set up to suit individual requirements. The doors have an effective clear width of 670mm. The users of larger wheelchairs may find these doors difficult to use. The College would book alternative rooms for private 	This is for information for the College rather than a recommendation for change. This may be considered a reasonable	
9.3	Library: Resources	study if required. There is an adjustable height desk available for students to use.	adjustment. This is good practice.	
		The Library offers a book retrieval service for students unable to access the library.	This may be considered a reasonable adjustment.	
		There are magnifiers and book rests available for students to borrow.	This is good practice.	



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10.0 – Semi	nar Rooms			
10.1	Seminar Rooms: Knowles Room	Access to this room is either by using stairs or the platform lift which goes into seminar Room 5.		
		The door has an effective clear width of 740mm. This is just under the recommended 750 mm for existing buildings, (ADM Table 2). The users of larger wheelchairs may find this room difficult access.	This is for information for the College rather than a recommendation for change.	
		This door is on the heavy closer.	Consider adjusting the closer on this door to reduce the force needed to open it.	2
		The access control is 1100mm from the floor. This is within the recommended range.	This is good practice.	
		The underside of the tables is 710mm from the floor. There is space to manoeuvre a wheelchair in this room.	This is good practice.	
		The carpet here has a medium pile which some people may find difficult. The college will book a different room if required.	This may be considered a reasonable adjustment.	
10.2	Seminar Rooms: Seminar Room 4	This Seminar Room is reached by using stairs or the platform lift in seminar room 5.		
		The door has an effective clear width of 780mm.	This is good practice.	
		The door is on a heavy fast closer. Some people may find this difficult to manage.	Consider adjusting the closer on this door to reduce the force needed to open it.	2



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10.0 – Semi	inar Rooms			
10.2	Seminar Rooms: Seminar Room 4	The access fob outside the room is 1500 mm from the floor. This is above the recommended 750mm to 1200mm, (ADM, 4.30, c). Some people may find it difficult to reach.	Consider relocating the access point so that it is within the recommended range.	2
		There is a 60mm step into the room. This can be avoided by using the platform lift.	This may be considered a reasonable adjustment.	
		The underside of the tables is 720mm from the floor.	This is good practice.	
		There is space to manoeuvre a wheelchair in this room.	This is good practice.	
10.3	Seminar Rooms: Seminar	This room can be reached by using stairs or the platform lift.	This is good proctice	
	Room 5	The doors open to 800mm. The door to Seminar Room 4 in the folding panel is heavy but on a light closer. The staff usually open this door.	This is good practice. This may be considered a reasonable adjustment.	
		The access controls are within the recommended height range.	This is good practice.	
		The underside of the tables is 720mm from the floor.	This is good practice.	



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10.0 – Semi	inar Rooms			
10.3	Seminar Rooms: C. Day-Lewis Room	There is sloped access to this room around the edge of the Bowra Building. The gradients of the slopes are a minimum of 1:13 and 1:38.	This is good practice.	
	Photo 24	There is a step up at the building entrance which is 130mm high. The College have a portable ramp available for this step. I did not see the ramp in situ on my visits.	This is good practice.	
		This rise would require a ramp of a little under 2 m to achieve the maximum recommended gradient of 1:12.	Consider ensuring the ramp is as close to the recommended length as possible to minimize the gradient of the slope.	2
		College staff are happy to assist anyone who has difficulty with this ramp. The College can also book a room which has easier access if needed.	This may be considered a reasonable adjustment.	
		The door has an effective clear width of 880mm.	This is good practice.	
		This door is on a medium closer which some people may find difficult to manage.	Consider adjusting the closer on this door to reduce the force needed to open it.	2
		The underside of the tables is 700mm from the floor.	This is good practice.	
		There is space to manoeuvre a wheelchair in this room and it has a low pile carpet.	This is good practice.	



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10.0 – Semi	nar Rooms			
10.4	Seminar Rooms: Okinaga Room	The door into this room has an effective clear width of 760mm. This is just above the recommended 750mm for existing buildings, (ADM Table 2).		
		The current recommended width is 800mm. The users of larger wheelchairs may find this door difficult to manage. The College can arrange meetings in other rooms if needed.	This may be considered a reasonable adjustment.	
		The door has a heavy closer which some people may find difficult to manage.	Consider adjusting the closer on this door to reduce the force needed to open it or powering the door.	2
		The door has an effective clear width of 880mm.	This is good practice.	
		The access control and push button for the door are 1170mm from the floor which is within the recommended range of 750mm to 1200mm, (ADM, 4.30, c).	This is good practice.	
		There were no tables in this room when I visited due to the Covid 19 pandemic.	Consider providing tables with no rails underneath as these will block wheelchair access, and a surface height of 760 mm (ADM, 3.6, (e)). Alternatively, consider providing 1 or 2 height adjustable desks.	1
		There is space to manoeuvre a wheelchair in this room and it has a low pile carpet.	This is good practice.	



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10.0 – Sem i	inar Rooms			
10.5	Seminar Rooms: Dr Lee Kau Shee Building	The doors to this building are powered and have an effective clear width of 2200mm.	This is good practice.	
	entrance	The access controls outside are 670mm from the floor which is below the recommended height range. The access controls inside the building are 800mm from the floor. There is level access to all the seminar rooms.	This is for information for the College rather than a recommendation for change. This is good practice. This is good practice.	
10.6	Seminar Rooms: Dr Lee Kau Shee Scholarship room	The doors into this room have an effective clear width of 790mm. This is very slightly below the recommended 800mm.	This is for information for the College rather than a recommendation for change.	
		The doors are powered. The access controls are 1000mm from the floor. The underside of the tables is	This is good practice. This is good practice.	
		640mm from the floor, less than the recommended 700mm. The College bring in tables of the recommended height if needed. There is space to manoeuvre a wheelchair in this room and it has a low pile carpet.	This may be considered a reasonable adjustment. This is good practice.	



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11.0 – Mose	er Theatre			
11.1	Moser Theatre:	The theatre is reached by using stairs or the passenger lift in the Bowra building.	This is good practice.	
		The double doors have a medium weight closer which some people may find difficult to manage. They have an effective clear width of 1200mm or 600mm each. Double doors can be difficult for wheelchair users to manage.	Consider reducing the closers on these doors to reduce the force needed to open them or powering the doors. This would create access equal to the currently recommended 800mm.	2
		When the theatre seating is pulled forward this still leaves room for wheelchair users. There appears to be level access to the bottom row of seats for people unable to manage stairs and there is room for additional chairs as well.	This is good practice. This may be considered a reasonable adjustment.	
		The floor is wooden and there is space to manoeuvre in this room.	This is good practice.	



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13.0 – Dinin	ig Hall			
13.1	Dining Hall: Fellows' Dining Hall	The Dining Hall is reached by using stairs or a stair lift which is operated by College staff.	This is good practice.	
		The accessible route to the Fellows' Dining Hall is through the antechapel using portable ramps – these are assessed in the Chapel section, 17.1 below.	This may be considered a reasonable adjustment.	
		The double doors into the Dining Hall each have an effective clear width of 580mm and will stay open. Each door is narrower than the recommended 800mm and double doors are difficult to manage for people using wheelchairs. When the Hall is in use the doors are left open or staff will assist anyone having trouble with the doors.	This may be considered a reasonable adjustment.	
		The underside of the tables to the floor is 740mm.	This is good practice.	
		The dais is 120mm high. The College uses one of its portable ramps for this step if this is needed.	Consider ensuring that the ramp is long enough to provide a maximum gradient of 1:12 as described in ADM Diagram 2).	1
13.2	Dining Hall: Refectory	The double doors to the refectory each have an effective clear width of 510mm. The doors will stay open and they are held open when the refectory is serving food.	This may be considered a reasonable adjustment.	
		The underside of the tables is 700mm from the floor. There is room to manoeuvre a wheelchair in this room.	This is good practice. This is good practice.	



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13.0 – Dinir	ng Hall			
13.2	Dining Hall: Refectory	There are always staff available to assist anyone who needs help.	This may be considered a reasonable adjustment.	
13.3	Dining Hall: Servery	The folding servery doors have an effective clear width of 1080mm and will stay open. They are always kept open during service.	This is good practice.	
		The counters in the servery are 880mm from the floor, 30mm above the recommended maximum height for wheelchair users of 850mm, (BS8300 Fig. 50 and ADM 4.16b).	When the servery is refurbished consider lowering the counter heights to the recommended height.	2
		There is a small recess 280mm deep in front of the counters for carrying trays which may be of some assistance to wheelchair users.		
		The payment machines are 950mm from the floor and the tea and coffee machines are 1170mm from the floor which are all within the reach range of wheelchair users.	This is good practice.	
		Staff are always on duty during service and are happy to assist anyone needing help accessing food.	This may be considered a reasonable adjustment.	



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14.0 – JCR				
14.1	JCR: William Doo Undergrad Centre: Doors	There is level access to the JCR from Webb Quad. The building doors are powered and each door has an effective clear width of 800mm.	This is good practice.	
		The access control for these doors is 760mm from the ground.	This is good practice.	
		The external push button is 650mm from the ground and the internal push button 1160mm from the ground.	This is good practice.	
14.2	JCR: Bar	The double doors from the lobby into the bar are powered. Each door has an effective clear width of 800mm.	This is good practice.	
		The bar counter is on two levels. The higher level is 1100mm from the floor and the lower counter level is 690mm from the floor.	This is good practice.	
		The access controls for the doors are 1010mm from the floor.	This is good practice.	
	Photo 25	When I visited there were only high tables and chairs in this area. These tables and chairs are too high for some people to manage.	Consider adding tables and chairs at lower heights, (tables with the underside 700mm from the floor), so that everyone can be accommodated.	2
		The double doors opening directly onto the Webb Quad have an effective clear width of 1000mm each. I was unable to test the closers on these doors.	If the closers are heavy consider adjusting them to reduce the force needed to open them.	2



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14.0 – JCR				
14.3	JCR: Games Room	The double doors into the Games Room from the bar have an effective clear width of 800mm each.	This is good practice.	
		These doors are not powered and both have heavy closers. Some people will find it difficult to manage these doors.	Consider reducing the closers on these doors to reduce the force needed to open them or powering the doors.	2
		There are double doors from the games room into Webb Quad which each have an effective clear width of 1000mm. I was unable to test the closers on these doors.	If the closers for these doors are heavy consider adjusting them to reduce the force needed to open the doors.	2
		The access controls for this room are 1020mm from the floor.	This is good practice.	
		There is space to manoeuvre a wheelchair in this room.	This is good practice.	
14.4	JCR: Kitchen	There is a powered door into the kitchen from the lobby which has an effective clear width of 800mm.	This is good practice.	
		The access controls are 1020mm from the floor.	This is good practice.	
		The kitchen has an adjustable height work surface which contains the hob and sink.	This is excellent practice.	
		There are cupboards and drawers at various heights.	This is good practice.	



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15.0 – Gard	len Room DWB			
15.1	Seminar Rooms: Garden Room DWB	There is level access to the Garden room and the doors are powered.	This is good practice.	
		The entrance doors have effective clear widths of 1050mm.	This is good practice.	
		The rooms weren't set out as normal due to the pandemic but there is room to manoeuvre a wheelchair in these rooms.	This is good practice.	
		There is also good visual contrast between the flooring and walls making the rooms easier to negotiate for those with visual impairments.	This is good practice.	



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15.0 – McC	all MacBain Gr	aduate Centre		
15.1	Graduate Centre: Access	There is slightly sloping access from Back Quad into the Graduate Centre.	This is good practice.	
		The door is automatic and has an effective clear width of 1230mm.	This is good practice.	
		The access controls are within the recommended height range.	This is good practice.	
		There is a lift running between all the floors which also gives access to the Barbara Naylor garden.	This is good practice.	
		The seminar rooms can all be reached by using the lift as can the MCR bar. The atrium reading area can only be reached by using stairs, however anyone unable to manage stairs can access the	This is good practice.	
		other reading rooms which either have level access or can be reached by using the lift.	This may be considered a reasonable adjustment.	
15.2	Graduate Centre: Bar	The bar counter is 1100mm from the floor. Some people will find it difficult to reach the	Consider providing a lowered section of counter or a lower shelf	
	Photo 26	counter. ADM 4.3 recommends that counters should have a lowered section available for wheelchair users.	to facilitate access.	
		Staff working behind the bar are willing to come out of the bar to assist anyone who cannot reach the counter.	This may be considered a reasonable adjustment.	
		The flooring is wooden and there is room to manoeuvre a wheelchair in this space.	This is good practice.	



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15.0 – McCa	all MacBain Gra	duate Centre		
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15.2	Graduate	The counter and shelving are all	Consider differentiating	3
	Centre: Bar	wooden as well as the floor	the edge of the floor	
		which may make it difficult for	with either a different	
	Photo 27	people with visual impairments	coloured paint or tape	
		to negotiate this space.	to make edge of the	
			floor more easily	
			discernible.	
15.3	Graduate	The kitchen has a powered door	This is good practice.	
	Centre:	with an effective clear width of		
	Kitchen	800mm.		
		The access controls for this door	This is good practice.	
		are within the recommended		
		height range.		
		The countertops are 930mm	Consider installing a	2
		above the floor which is 80mm	lowered section of	
		higher than the maximum	counter adjacent to key	
		recommended worktop, (ADM	pieces of equipment	
		Diagram 16 recommends	such as the sink and hob	
		850mm). Some people may not	as described in BS8300,	
		be able to reach these	19.1.2.	
		countertops.		
		There is room to manoeuvre a	This is good practice.	
		wheelchair in the kitchen.		
15.4	Graduate	The door from the lift lobby and		
	Centre:	the door into the room both		
	Gillese	have an effective clear width of		
	Badun	760mm. The doors are both		
	Seminar	manual. The users of larger		
	Room	wheelchairs may have difficulty		
		with these doors.		
		If needed the College will book a	This may be considered	
		different room.	a reasonable	
			adjustment.	
		The underside of the tables is		
		700mm from the floor.	This is good practice.	
		There is room to manoeuvre a		
		wheelchair in this room.	This is good practice.	
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Graduate Centre: Tower Room	The door to this room has an effective clear width of 830mm.	This is good practice.	
	This door is on a moderately heavy closer which some people may find difficult to manage.	Consider adjusting the closer on this door to reduce the force needed to open it.	2
	The lift opens into this room and can be used by anyone who might have difficulty with the door.	This may be considered a reasonable adjustment.	
	There is room to manoeuvre a wheelchair in this room although this may be more difficult at busy times and depending on the arrangement of the furniture.	Consider a management policy regarding the arrangement of the furniture so that there is space to manoeuvre in this room.	3
	There is good visual contrast between the walls and the floor.	This is good practice.	
Graduate Centre: Access to Barbara Naylor Garden	The door giving access to the Barbara Naylor Garden has an effective clear width of 830mm. The access controls are within the recommended height range.	This is good practice.	
	The door is powered, however on my visit the door safety mechanism wasn't working so that the door continued to close even when obstructed. The College has a programme of	The door malfunction was reported for repair. This is good practice.	
	Graduate Centre: Tower Room	photo refII MacBain Graduate Centre: Tower RoomGraduate Centre: Tower RoomThe door to this room has an effective clear width of 830mm. This door is on a moderately heavy closer which some people may find difficult to manage.The lift opens into this room and can be used by anyone who might have difficulty with the door.There is room to manoeuvre a wheelchair in this room although this may be more difficult at busy times and depending on the arrangement of the furniture.Graduate Centre: Barbara Naylor GardenThe door giving access to the Barbara Naylor Garden has an effective clear width of 830mm. The access controls are within the recommended height range.The door is powered, however on my visit the door safety mechanism wasn't working so that the door continued to close even when obstructed.	photo refcommentsIII MacBain Graduate Centre:The door to this room has an effective clear width of 830mm.This is good practice.Tower RoomThis door is on a moderately heavy closer which some people may find difficult to manage.Consider adjusting the closer on this door to reduce the force needed to open it.The lift opens into this room and can be used by anyone who might have difficulty with the door.This may be considered a reasonable adjustment.There is room to manoeuvre a wheelchair in this room although this may be more difficult at busy times and depending on the arrangement of the furniture.Consider a management policy regarding the arrangement of the furniture so that there is space to manoeuvre in this room.Graduate Centre: Barbara Naylor GardenThe door giving access to the EBarbara Naylor Garden has an Access to effective clear width of 830mm. The access controls are within the recommended height range.This is good practice.Maylor GardenThe door is powered, however on my visit the door continued to close even when obstructed. The College has a programme ofThe is is good practice.The college has a programme of that the door continued to close



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15.0 – McCa	all MacBain Gra	duate Centre		
15.7	Graduate Centre: Becker Media Room	This room has a powered door. This door has an effective clear width of 790 mm. The access control is 1000 mm from the floor.	This is good practice. This is good practice.	
		There is space to manoeuvre a wheelchair in this room.	This is good practice.	

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16.0 – Cafe				
16.1	Cafe	The double doors from the mezzanine to this room are powered and have an effective clear width of 1200 mm.	This is good practice.	
		The access control is 1000 mm from the floor.	This is good practice.	
		The lower countertop is 700 mm from floor. The higher counter top is 960 mm from the floor.	This is good practice.	
		The underside of the tables is 720 mm from the floor.	This is good practice.	
		There is room to manoeuvre a wheelchair in this space.	This is good practice.	
	Photo 28	When I visited rubbish bins were being stored in the knee recess.	Consider a management system or identifying a storage area so that the rubbish bins do not block the knee recess.	



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17.0 – Chap	el			
17.1	Chapel: Ramps	There is a step up to the doors of the antechapel for which the College has a portable ramp. This has a gradient of 1:5. This is considerably steeper than the 1:12 maximum recommended gradient, (ADM, Table 1). Some people may not be able to manage this slope.	The constraints of the width of the corridor make this a difficult area to improve access to. Consider whether a slightly longer ramp could be used to reduce the gradient.	2
		There is also a portable ramp for the step from the antechapel into the Cloister. This ramp is a less steep than the step described above but is still steeper than the recommended maxiumum gradient.	The width of the Cloister make it difficult to use a longer ramp. Consider whether it is possible to have a slightly longer portable ramp here which will reduce the gradient.	2
		The College staff are happy to assist anyone needing help with this slope.	This may be considered a reasonable adjustment.	
		The portable ramp from the antechapel into the Chapel has a gradient of 1:14.	This is good practice.	
17.2	Chapel: Doors	The door to the antechapel main entrance has an effective clear width of 1390mm. This folding door will stay open.	This is good practice.	
		The doors to the Chapel stay open and each door has an effective clear width of 900mm.	This is good practice.	
		The door from the antechapel to the cloister stays open and has an effective clear width of 1080mm.	This is good practice.	



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17.0 – Chap	el			
17.2	Chapel: Doors	The closers on these doors can be a little heavy.	Consider adjusting the closers on these doors to reduce the force needed to open them.	2
17.3	Chapel:	The aisle is 3660mm wide which gives room to accommodate a wheelchair, people using crutches and people with assistance dogs.	This is good practice.	
		The steps up to the pews and the altar are each 120 mm high. Some people may not be able to manage the steps. The width of the aisle allows people to be accommodated at floor level.	This may be considered a reasonable adjustment.	



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18.0 – Acce	ssible Bedroom	5		
18.1	Accessible Bedrooms: Access	 The building doors are powered in the following locations: Dr Lee Shau Kee Dorothy Wadham Building 	This is good practice.	
		The bedroom doors are unlocked with proximity cards	This is good practice.	
		Some bedroom doors are opened with keys. Keys can be difficult for some people with limited manual dexterity to manage.	Consider the use of proximity cards instead as described in 6.5 above.	
18.2	Accessible Bedrooms: Wardrobes	The accessible bedrooms all have pull down wardrobe rails.	This is excellent practice.	
18.3	Accessible Bedrooms: Drawers and Shelving	The bedrooms have shelving at a variety of heights. Many of the bookshelf units have adjustable height shelves. The drawers are also set at varying heights. The College adapts the drawer and shelving units to suit different students' needs.	This is good practice.	
18.4	Accessible Bedrooms: Visual Fire Beacons	ADM 4.24e states that all bedrooms should have a visual fire alarm signal. The accessible bedrooms have these installed. The College will purchase vibrating pillow alarms if they are required by a student.	This is good practice. This is good practice.	



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18.0 – Acce	ssible Bedroom	S		
18.5	Accessible Bedrooms: Emergency Assistance Alarms	ADM 4.24q states there should be an assistance alarm and alarm reset button which is reachable form the bed and the adjacent floor area. The two bangles should be 100mm from the floor and 800mm - 1000mm from the floor.		
		All of the accessible bedrooms I visited had emergency assistance alarms within reach of the bed.	This is good practice.	
		The alarm cords in the following bedrooms were tied up in some way meaning that the bangles were not at the recommended heights: • Staircase 6 – 300mm and 900mm • Dr Lee Shau Kee – 1150mm and 300mm	Consider ensuring that the alarm cords are untied and the bangles sit within the recommended height range.	1
	Photo 29	 Dorothy Wadham Building, (DWB) – 860mm and 950mm 		
18.6	Accessible Bedrooms: Desks	There is an adjustable height desk in the following rooms: • Staircase 6 • DWB The underside of the desks to the floor in the bedroom I	This is good practice.	
		assessed in the Dr Lee Shau Kee building measured 740mm.	This is good practice.	



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18.0 – Acce	ssible Bedroom	S		
18.7	Accessible Bedrooms: Space	The accessible bedrooms I visited all had enough space to manoeuvre a wheelchair.	This is good practice.	
18.8.1	Accessible Bedrooms: Bathrooms:	Current recommendations for the size of accessible toilets are between 2500mm x 2400mm, (ADM, Diagram 24). The following accessible bathrooms are slightly below the current recommended size: • Staircase Six 2280mm x 2250mm • DWB 2400mm x 1840mm The accessible bathrooms in the Dr Lee Shau Kee Building meet the recommended dimensions - 2400mm x 3120mm	This is for information for the College rather than a recommendation for change. This is good practice.	
18.8.3	Accessible Bedrooms: Bathrooms: Toilets	The toilet seats are the same colour as the cistern and the pan in all the bedrooms I visited: • Staircase Six • Lee Shau Kee • DWB This may make it difficult for people with visual impairments to distinguish, particularly if there is not a strong contrast in colour between the walls and floor. BS8300 – 2, (18.1.7) recommends toilet seats should contrast visually with the pan and cistern.	Consider replacing the toilet seats with seats in a contrasting colour.	1



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18.0 – Acces	ssible Bedrooms	5		
18.8.3	Accessible Bedrooms: Bathrooms: Toilets	 ADM (Diagram 19), recommends toilet seats should be 480mm from floor. None of the toilet seats in the bathrooms I visited were at the recommended height: Staircase Six - 460mm Dr Lee Shau Kee - 460mm DWB - 430mm 	Consider replacing these toilet seats with seats of the recommended height.	1
	Photo 30	 The following toilets have lids: Staircase Six DWB Lids can make transfers difficult for wheelchair users and are therefore not recommended. The flush in the Dr Lee Shau Kee bathroom is a pushbutton behind the toilet. Pushbutton flushes can also require a high force to operate. Some people 	Consider removing these toilet lids to facilitate wheelchair transfers. Consider replacing with the recommended paddle flush or an infrared flush when the toilet is refurbished.	2 2
		may find this flush difficult to reach and operate.		
18.8.4	Accessible Bedrooms: Bathrooms: Emergency Assistance Alarms	ADM diagrams 23 and 24 show emergency assistance alarms next to both the shower and the toilet. There is no emergency assistance alarm next to the shower in the bedroom on staircase Six.	Consider installing alarms as recommended in ADM next to the shower with the bangles at the recommended heights.	1
		BS8300 recommends the emergency assistance alarm should have two bangles. The lower bangle should be 100mm from the floor and the higher bangle between 800 – 1000mm from the floor.		



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18.0 – Acces	ssible Bedrooms	5		
18.8.4	Accessible Bedrooms: Bathrooms: Emergency Assistance Alarms Photo 31	 The alarm cords in the following bedrooms are tied up so that the bangles are near the ceiling: Dr Lee Shau Kee DWB The lower bangle in the staircase six bathroom is 300mm from the 	Consider ensuring that the alarm cord bangles are at the recommended heights. Cards can be obtained to attach to the cords advising people to avoid shortening them from:	1
		floor which is higher than the recommended 100mm.	janet.higham@admin.ox .ac.uk	
18.8.5	Accessible Bedrooms: Bathrooms: Emergency Assistance Alarm Reset Buttons	ADM recommends that the reset buttons for emergency alarms are reachable from the toilet or shower seat and are 800mm – 1000mm from the floor, (ADM Diagram 19). The reset buttons in the following bathrooms are reachable from the toilet and shower seat as recommended in ADM, Diagram 19: • Dr Lee Kau Shee Building • DWB	This is good practice.	
18.8.6	Accessible Bedrooms: Bathrooms: Doors	 The bathroom doors in the following rooms will stay open and the effective clear widths are: Dr Lee Kau Shee Building 900 mm DWB - 940 mm Staircase Six – 870mm 	This is good practice.	



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18.0 – Acce	ssible Bedroom	S		
18.9.7	Accessible Bedrooms: Bathrooms: Sinks	ADM, Diagram 19 shows that sinks should be located between 720mm -740mm. The sink in Dr Lee Kau Shee Building is an adjustable height sink.	This is excellent practice.	
		The following sinks are below the recommended height: • Staircase Six 710 mm • DWB 670 mm Some users of larger wheelchairs may find the lower sinks difficult to manage.	Consider installing a sink within the recommended height range in these rooms when the bathrooms are next refurbished.	1
18.8.8	Accessible Bedrooms: Bathrooms: Toilet Roll Dispensers	ADM, Diagram 19, shows toilet roll dispensers are 800mm – 1000mm from the floor. Toilet roll dispensers in the staircase six room and the Dorothy Wadham building within the recommended height range.	This is good practice.	
		The toilet roll dispenser in the Dr Lee Kau Shee bedroom is 700mm from the floor, slightly below the recommended height range.	This is just for information for the College rather than a recommendation for change.	
18.8.9	Accessible Bedrooms: Bathrooms: Fittings	The fittings (grab rails), in all of the bathrooms I visited are in strong contrast to the walls.	This is good practice.	



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18.0 – Acce	ssible Bedroom	5		
18.10.1	Accessible Bedrooms: Kitchens: Staircase Six Bedroom	The bedroom on staircase six has a kitchenette installed. The countertop is 870mm from the floor which is slightly above the recommended maximum 850mm. The recommended height for countertops is 760mm – 850mm, (BS8300 Fig. 50 and ADM 4.16b).	This is good practice. This is just for information for the College rather than a recommendation for change. Consider installing a countertop at the recommended height or an adjustable countertop when this kitchenette is next refurbished.	3
		The countertop has a knee recess which is 700 mm from the underside to the floor. This recess is 1170 mm wide.	This is good practice.	
		The base of the microwave is 950 mm from the floor.	This is good practice.	
		The kitchenette also has a washing machine.	This is good practice.	
18.9.2	Accessible bedrooms: Kitchens: Dr Lee Shau Kee and Dorothy	Both these kitchens have a powered door with an effective clear width of over the recommended 800 mm.	This is good practice.	
	, Wadham Buildings	Both kitchens are above the recommended minimum space and have room to manoeuvre a wheelchair.	This is good practice.	



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18.0 – Acce	ssible Bedroom	S		
18.10.2	Accessible Bedrooms: Kitchens: Countertops	The countertop in the Dr Lee Kau Shee kitchen is an adjustable height countertop.	This is excellent practice.	
		The countertop in the Dorothy Wadham building kitchens is 900mm from the floor. This is above the recommended height range, of 760 mm – 850mm, (BS8300 Fig. 50 and ADM 4.16b). There are no knee recesses or lower sections of countertop in	Consider installing counter tops which are within the recommended range or sections of adjustable height countertops.	2
		this kitchen. BS 83000,(19.1.2), recommends knee recesses where there is room, adjacent to key pieces of equipment such as the hob and the sink. Some people may find this kitchen difficult to use.	When the kitchens are refurbished consider the possiblilty of providing knee recesses adjacent to key equipment such as sinks and hobs.	1
18.10.3	Accessible Bedrooms: Kitchens: Equipment	BS8300:19.1.7.2 recommends the base of the oven interior and of any microwaves should not be lower than 850mm from the floor.		
	Photo 33	The base of the oven in the Dorothy Wadham kitchen is 360mm from the floor. Some people may find this oven difficult to use.	Consider installing an oven with the base at the recommended height when this kitchen is next refurbished.	1
		The bases of the oven in the Dr Lee Kau Shee kitchen and the microwaves in both kitchens are above the recommended lowest height.	This is good practice.	
		Both the kitchens had cupboards with shelving and drawers at a variety of heights.	This is good practice.	



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18.0 – Acce	ssible Bedroom	5		
18.10.4	Accessible	The fridge and freezer in the Dr	Consider installing fridge	
	Bedrooms:	Lee Shau Kee kitchen are in a	freezers with handles	3
	Kitchens:	cupboard. The doors have no	which make the doors	
		handles but are opened at the	easier to open.	
	Photo 34	base or top. These doors may be		
		difficult for some people to		
		manage.		
18.11.4	Accessible	If any students have difficulty	This may be considered	
	Bedrooms:	managing any of the kitchens	a reasonable	
	Kitchens:	the college will allocate them to	adjustment.	
		a room with more appropriate		
		kitchen access.		



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19.0 – Laun	dries			
19.1	Laundries: Access	There are two laundries at Wadham which are on the ground floor. These are in Merifield Quad and in the Dorothy Wadham Building. There is also a laundry in the basement of the Lee Shau Kee Building which can be reached by using a lift or the stairs.	This is good practice. This is good practice.	
		The doors to the Dorothy Wadham laundry and the Lee Shau Kee laundry are powered. The lobby door in the Lee Shau Kee building door is also powered.	This is good practice.	
		The door to the Merifield laundry is on a heavy closer which some people may find difficult to manage.	Consider adjusting the closer on this door to reduce the force needed to open it.	2
		The doors all have effective clear widths of above the recommended 800mm.	This is good practice.	
	Photo 35	There is a portable ramped step up to the door of the laundry at Merifield. The gradient of the step is 1:11. Above the ramp there is a further threshold of 60 mm. Some people may find this laundry difficult to access.	Consider replacing this step with a ramp which has a gradient of a maximum of 1:12 and if possible eliminates the threshold.	
		The College will accommodate anyone unable to use this laundry in a different area.	This may be considered a reasonable adjustment.	



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19.0 – Laun	dries	-	_		
19.2	Laundries: Equipment	The payment machines in the Merifield laundry are 1300mm – 1460mm from the floor. This is above the maximum reach range of 1200mm, BS8300. Some people may find these difficult to reach.	Consider lowering the payment machines to within the recommended reach range.	2	
		The payment machines in the Dorothy Wadham building and the Dr Lee Kau Shau Kee building within the recommended range.	This is good practice.		
		All the machines take contactless payments.	This is good practice.		
		None of the machines are on a plinth. BS8300:2, 19.1.7.3 recommends that the machines sit on a plinth 200mm from the floor, if the machines are to be used by wheelchair users.	Consider installing some of the machines on a plinth as recommended in BS 8300.	2	



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20.0 – Spor	ts Facilities			
20.1	Sports Facilities: Gym	The gym is reached either by using the lift or by stairs. The gym door has an effective clear width of 770mm. The door is on a light closer. The access control for this door is 1160mm from the floor. This is within the recommended height range for door controls.	This is good practice. This is good practice. This is good practice.	
		The gym has a black carpet and a lot of the equipment is dark grey. Some people with visual impairments may find it difficult to distinguish the equipment. There is space to manoeuvre a	Consider replacing the flooring with flooring of a stronger contrasting colour. This is good practice.	3
20.2	Sports Facilities: Squash Court	wheelchair in this room. Access to the squash court is either by using stairs or the lift. Once in the basement there is level access to the squash court.	This is good practice. This is good practice.	



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21.0 – Fung Art Room				
21.1	Art Room:	The art room can be reached by using the stairs or the lift.	This is good practice.	
		The door to this room has an effective clear width of 800mm.	This is good practice.	
		As this room is relatively small some people may find it difficult to manoeuvre in here depending on the arrangement	Consider the	
		of the furniture. The room was not set out as normal when I visited due to the Covid 19 pandemic.	arrangement of the furniture in this room so that there is space to manoeuvre a wheelchair.	1

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22.0 – Musi	c Rooms			
22.1	Music	The music room has level access	This is good practice.	
	Rooms:	from the entrance lobby.		
	David			
	Richards	Each door to this room has an		
	Music Room	effective clear width of 800mm.	·	
		The access control to enter is	This is good practice.	
		800 mm from the floor and the		
		exit pushbutton is 1010mm		
		from the floor.		
		The underside of the tables is	This is good prostice	
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		730mm from the floor.		
		There is space to manoeuvre a		
		wheelchair in this room.		



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22.0 – Musi	ic Rooms			
22.2	Music	The Holywell music room has		
	Rooms:	previously been assessed by		
	Holywell	Ben Smith, University		
	Music Room	Accessibility Adviser, and a		
		report has been provided to the		
		College. There is also an entry		
		on the Access Guide.		



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24.0 – Meri	field Quad			
24.1	Merifield Quad:	The bedroom doors have an effective clear width of 790mm. All of the doors I tested had heavy closers. Some people may find it difficult to use these doors.	Consider adjusting the closers to reduce the force needed to open them. Consider powering doors on key routes such as to kitchens and building doors.	2
		Doors are opened by using door knobs and keys. Some people may find it difficult to open these doors.	Consider replacing the door knobs with lever handles and proximity cards instead of keys.	2
		There is a slope up to D block. The gradient is 1:19.	This is good practice.	
		The kitchen I visited had space to accommodate a wheelchair.	This is good practice.	
	Photo 36	As this Quad has accessible features including a slope to staircase D and bedrooms with wet rooms it may be possible to provide an accessible bedroom here.	Consider consulting an architect whether it is possible to provide an accessible bedroom which would facilitate students being able to stay with their peer group.	3
		The College has accessible bedrooms available on the main site which can be offered to students unable to manage these rooms.	This may be considered a reasonable adjustment.	

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23.0 – Hear	ing Support Sy	vstems		
23.1	Hearing Support Systems	I was able to establish that there are hearing support systems in the following locations:	This is good practice.	
		 Holywell Music Room Moser Theatre Okinaga Seminar Room C Day Lewis Seminar Room Fellows Dining Hall Chapel Gillese Badun Seminar Room Knowles Seminar Room Seminar Rooms 4 and 5 Dr Lee Kau Shee Scholarship Rooms David Richards Music 	If signage is not in place consider adding signage to indicate that there is a hearing support system available.	1
		 Room? Porters' Lodge When I assessed the Porters' Lodge I was told that there was no hearing loop. However looking at the access information on the Wadham College website it states that there is a hearing loop in the Lodge. I was unable to test the hearing support systems on my visits. 	Consider providing signage in the Lodge and consider providing induction and regular training in the use of the hearing loop for the staff so that they are aware if it's presence and able to use it when needed.	1
		There is hearing loop signage in areas such as the Dr Lee Kau Shee Scholarship Rooms.	This is good practice.	