



#TCD Freshers

September 2024

Welcome  
to Trinity  
College  
Dublin





## Today's session

- Student Supports and Services
- Practical Navigator
- Being a Trinity Student

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# Student Supports & Services

# TRINITY IN NUMBERS

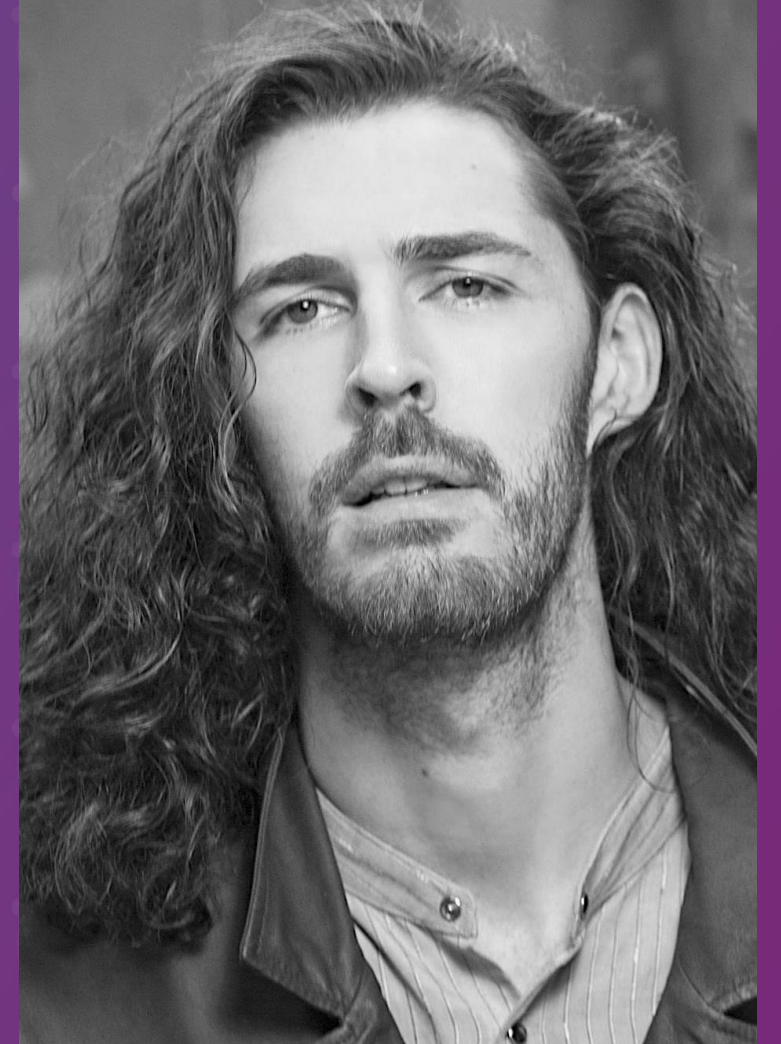
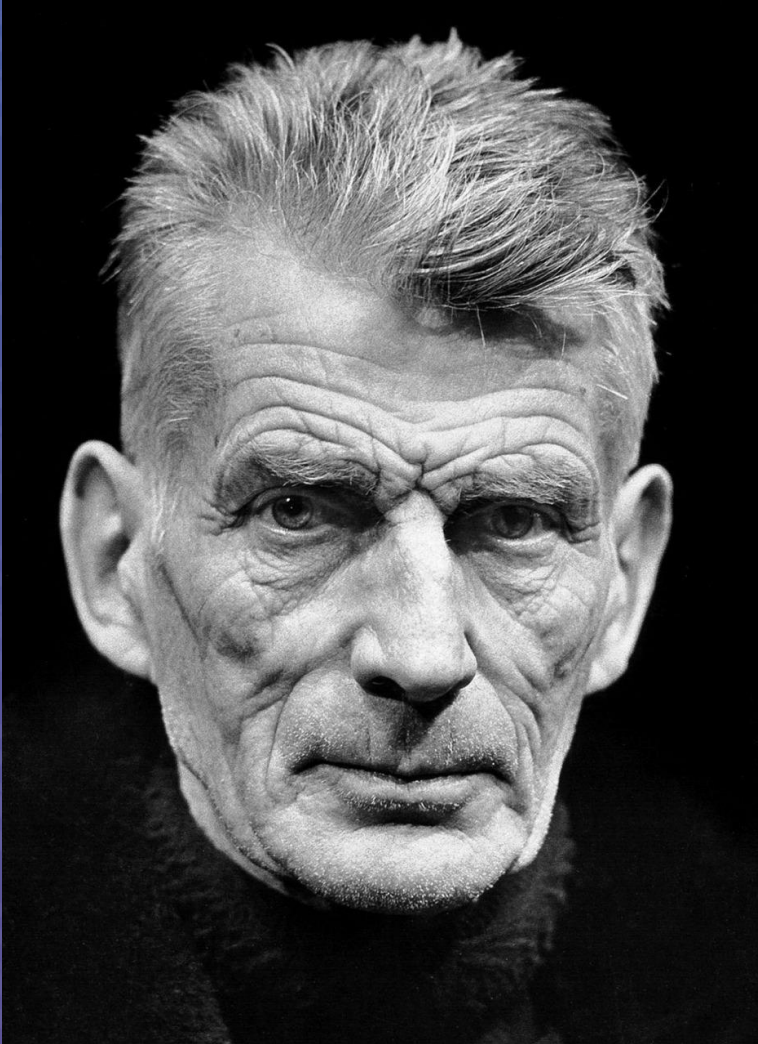
- 432 years
- 47 Acres
- 8 Dublin postcodes
- 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 12, 24.
- Revenue €0.5 billion
- 3 Faculties
- 25 Schools
- 3635 Staff
- >14500 UG
- >5500 PG

**3848 Freshers– YOU!**





# FAMOUS STUDENTS





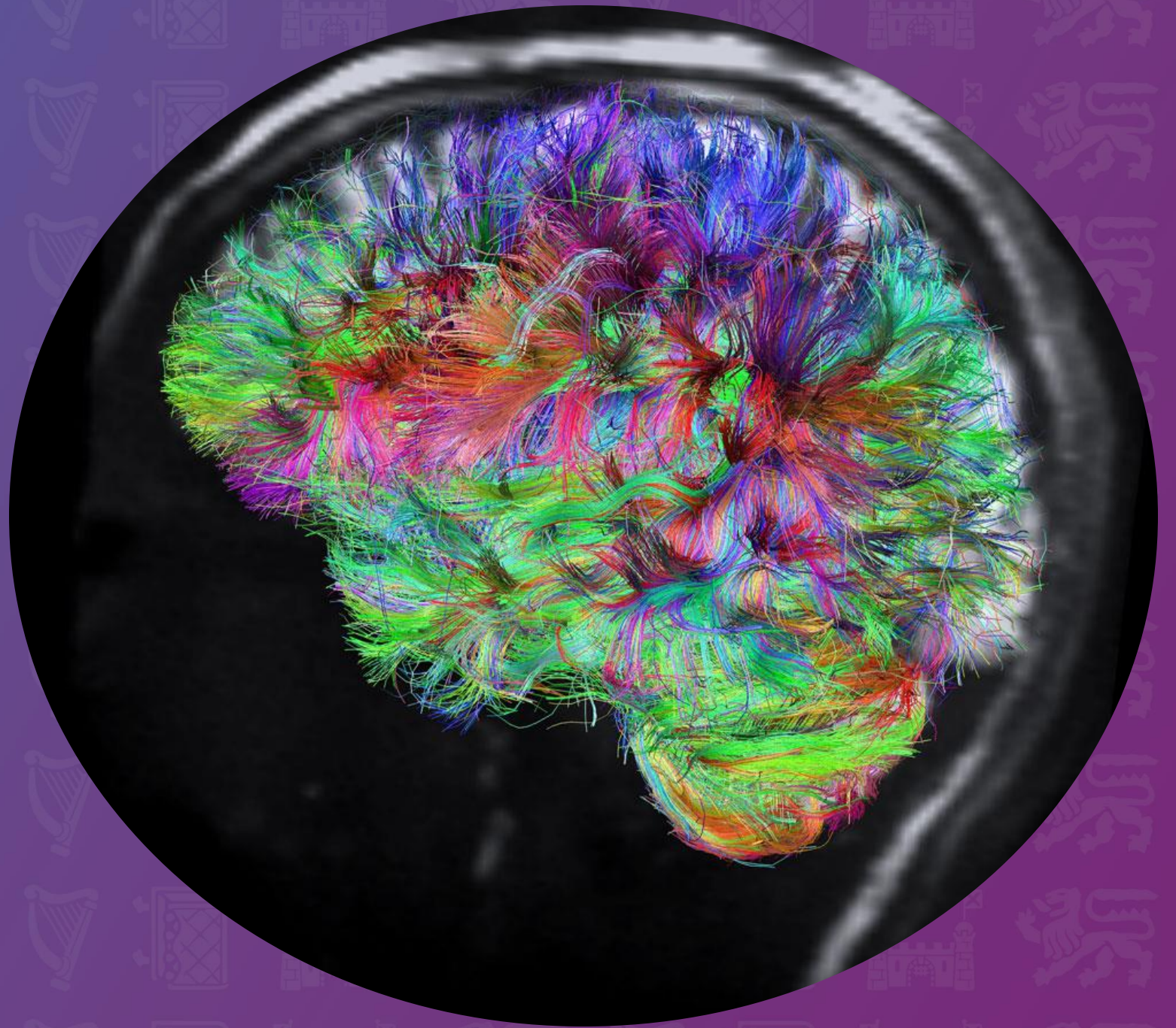
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*Tempus Fugit*





# MIND YOUR MIND IN TRINITY







**YOUR TUTOR**



- Your Tutor is an academic staff member who looks after you, not your grades.
- They are researchers and teachers who **VOLUNTEER**
- They can provide direction and **academic advice**
- **But not mental health specialists**
- Advocate. Adviser. On your side.
- Your relationship with your Tutor is entirely **confidential**
- There are 299 of us.

**WHAT  
DOES  
YOUR  
TUTOR  
DO?**



# WHO IS YOUR TUTOR?

FIND OUT IN MY.TCD.IE

1 of 7

Find | Next

Personal

Courses

Modules

Assessments

Admissions


Financial Info

Contacts

Memberships

Notes

Foundation Student Record



Name:

Mona Lisa

Student Code:

24000001

Gender:

Female

Date of Birth:

January 1<sup>st</sup> 1503

Tutors Name:

Leonardo Da Vinci

Tutors Email:

[LeonardoDaVinci@tcd.ie](mailto:LeonardoDaVinci@tcd.ie)

TCD E-mail Address:

[monal@tcd.ie](mailto:monal@tcd.ie)

Scholar:

No

Nationality:

Italian

If your data is incorrect, please log a query on the my.tcd.ie portal. Click on the Ask AR button and select the appropriate query category. You will receive an automated reply with a ticket number. This number is used to ensure that we can track your query and resolve it as quickly as possible. | Data correct at 15/09/2024 14:27:52





Your tutor is trained to help you

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## SOME DEADLINES

Transfers – contact Tutor or  
Senior Tutors office

October 4<sup>th</sup>

Must have the CAO entry  
requirements

These are **VERY** limited

Withdrawal by end October

But we don't want you leaving.....





# SENIOR TUTORS OFFICE

House 27

Coordinates service

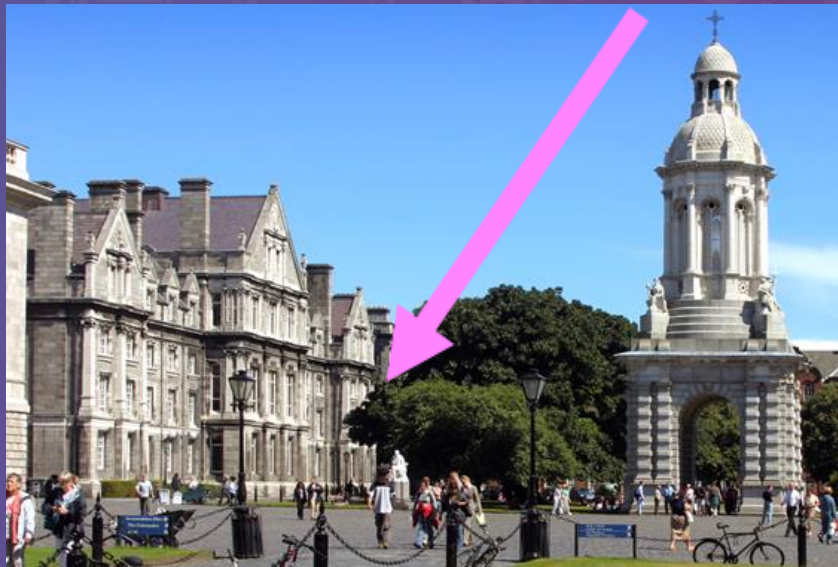
Appointments:

[senior.tutor.admin@tcd.ie](mailto:senior.tutor.admin@tcd.ie)

[st.office@tcd.ie](mailto:st.office@tcd.ie)

Financial assistance

<https://www.tcd.ie/seniortutor/people/>





# SOCIAL MEDIA

FOLLOW US ON TWITTER and  
INSTAGRAM @

*TCDSeniorTutor*

Competition open until Friday 11<sup>th</sup>  
October

Winners to be notified the  
following week!



Be in a chance to win one of three  
Trinity goodie bags! Courtesy of  
@visit trinity !







**SERVICES AT YOUR DISPOSAL**





## Student Supports & Services

- Academic Support
- Health and Wellbeing Support
- Student Life
- Administrative support

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## STUDENT COUNSELLING SERVICES

- One-to-one counselling
- Silverlight programmes
- Wellbeing Workshops
- Peer Support

[tcd.ie/student\\_counselling](https://tcd.ie/student_counselling)

## STUDENT LEARNING DEVELOPMENT

- Free workshops
- Online Resources
- Academic Skills Blackboard module

[tcd.ie/sld](https://tcd.ie/sld)

## COLLEGE HEALTH

- Free for students
- Doctors, nurses, physiotherapy
- Vaccinations

[tcd.ie/collegehealth](https://tcd.ie/collegehealth)

## DISABILITY SERVICE

- Academic Support
- Assistive Technology
- Exam Accommodations  
(apply on my.tcd.ie)

[tcd.ie/disability](https://tcd.ie/disability)

**HEALTH & WELLBEING SUPPORT**





## ORIENTATION



**Not sure where to start when you come to Trinity?**

Lots of people feel that way - that's why we have the S2S Mentoring programme

**Your first Mentor meet-up will be part of your online orientation timetable**

Make sure you attend so you can meet your mentors and get to know your group members

## FAQ?



Answer any **questions** you have

**Introduce you** to classmates

Mentors are fellow students who will guide you around TCD's **online resources**



Then they'll stay in touch by **email**



Invite you to **events and socials** online and (when it's possible) in person



And share all the **tips and tricks** they've learned since arriving in TCD themselves



**Trinity College Dublin**  
Coláiste na Tríonóide, Baile Átha Cliath  
The University of Dublin

Helping you on your own path to success!



# S2S MENTORING



## SPORTS CLUBS

- Over 50 clubs
- Aikido to Windsurfing
- Training, competition and casual

[tcd.ie/sport/student-sport](https://tcd.ie/sport/student-sport)

## VOLUNTEERING

- Volunteer opportunities
- Dean's Awards for Volunteering
- Registrar's Award for Civic Engagement

[tcd.ie/civicengagement](https://tcd.ie/civicengagement)

## SPORT CENTRE

- Full gym including climbing wall and swimming pool
- Fitness classes
- Trinity Sport App

<https://www.tcd.ie/Sport/student-sport/orientation/>

## STUDENT SOCIETIES

- Over 120 societies
- Afro-Caribbean to Zoological
- Social events

[trinitysocieties.ie](https://trinitysocieties.ie)



## STUDENTS' UNION

- Represent you to College
- Provide support to students
- Organise social events

Be a class rep

[tcdsu.org](https://tcdsu.org)

## GLOBAL ROOM

- International Student Support Hub
- Meet Global Student Ambassadors
- Celebrate International-themed events

[@tcdglobalroom](https://twitter.com/tcdglobalroom)

## CAREERS ADVISORY SERVICE

- MyCareer
- CV and Interview Clinics
- Career Fairs

[tcd.ie/careers](https://tcd.ie/careers)

## CHAPLAINCY

- 3 Chaplains – Roman Catholic and Church of Ireland
- Muslim prayer rooms, multifaith room
- Links to other faith groups

[tcd.ie/chaplaincy](https://tcd.ie/chaplaincy)



# ACADEMIC REGISTRY



[Academic.registry@tcd.ie](mailto:Academic.registry@tcd.ie)



01 896 4500



## Documents Issued by AR

- ✓ ISD Registration Letters
- ✓ Proof of Registration
- ✓ Proof of Address

**Documents take 2 working days to issue**  
*(Or up to 4 working days at busiest periods)*

## Documents accepted by AR

- ✓ Module enrolment forms
- ✓ FRS 2 Forms (prior 3rd level education)
- ✓ Social Welfare Forms
- ✓ Garda Vetting (except Nursing )



# GETTING STARTED WITH IT



## 7 Things You Need to Know to Get Started

1. Getting Your Computer Account and Email
2. Connecting to the Student Wi-Fi
3. Accessing Your Coursework
4. Finding Lectures and Locations
5. Getting Software
6. Purchasing Laptops
7. Getting Help

[www.tcd.ie/itservices/students/orientation](http://www.tcd.ie/itservices/students/orientation)



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## Be Aware

- **Make sure to register by October 10th**
- Look out for intray messages from [my.tcd.ie](https://my.tcd.ie)
- Read your handbook
- Emails from your course, school, and tutor.





A photograph of four young adults sitting on wide stone steps in front of a building with stone walls and windows. From left to right: a man in a light blue shirt and glasses, a woman in a yellow dress, a man in a pink patterned shirt, and a woman in an orange sweater. They are all smiling and looking towards the right. An orange arrow-shaped banner is in the top left corner.

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## LECTURES AND CLASSES

- Do attend your classes: It's essential to keep up.
- Remember to keep notes, it's good for your brain.
- Store them safely. Have backups.
- Get used to Blackboard and use your @tcd.ie mail.





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## EXAMINATIONS AND CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT

- Examinations at the end of Semester 1 and 2
- Do prepare
- Keep up to date with continuous assessment
- August supplemental exams – Repeating a year



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# BE ORIGINAL

Academic Integrity

Do not copy or use AI.

Turnitin and detect

You could get into  
bother!





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# Practical Navigator



# STUDENT LIFE

## Joining societies

<https://trinitysocietieshub.com/>

## Joining Clubs & Trinity Sport Freshers Sessions

<https://www.tcd.ie/Sport/student-sport/orientation/>



## THE FRESHERS' FAIR

17, 18, 20 September





# GET INVOLVED THIS WEEK

## MONDAY 16<sup>th</sup> Sep

### SPORTS CENTRE TOUR

Book via eventbrite  
12:00 - 12:30

### SPORTS CENTRE TOUR

Book via eventbrite  
12:30 - 13:00

### TRY-A-DIVE Sub Aqua Club

Swimming Pool  
20:00 - 22:00

## TUESDAY 17<sup>th</sup> Sep

### FRESHERS FAIR

10:00 - 15:00  
No sign up needed,  
just show up!

### SPORTS CENTRE TOUR

Book via eventbrite  
12:00 - 12:30

### SPORTS CENTRE TOUR

Book via eventbrite  
12:30 - 13:00

### ROUND NET

13:00 - 14:00  
Just turn up!

### LIFT A MILLION KILOS FOR MS IRELAND Barbell Club

Ancillary Hall  
10:00 - 15:00

### FRESHERS EVENT 3X3 TOURNAMENT Basketball Club

Botany Bay  
Full day

### WOMEN'S SOCCER TASTER AFC Women Club

College Park  
12:00 - 13:00

### INTRODUCTION TO ORIENTEERING Orienteering Club

Cricket Pitch  
18:00 - 18:30

## WEDNESDAY 18<sup>th</sup> Sep

### FRESHERS FAIR

10:00 - 15:00  
No sign up needed,  
just show up!

### SPORTS CENTRE TOUR

Book via eventbrite  
12:00 - 12:30

### SPORTS CENTRE TOUR

Book via eventbrite  
12:30 - 13:00

### GIVE-IT-A-GO Ultimate Frisbee Club

College Park  
15:00 - 17:00

## THURSDAY 19<sup>th</sup> Sep

### SPORTS CENTRE TOUR

Book via eventbrite  
12:00 - 12:30

### SPORTS CENTRE TOUR

Book via eventbrite  
12:30 - 13:00

### ROUND NET

13:00 - 14:00  
Just turn up!

### FENCING DEMONSTRATION

In front of the  
Exam Hall  
12:15 - 13:00

### BOATHOUSE TOUR

Boat Ladies Club  
  
Meet at the  
Campanile at 11:00

### GIVE-IT-A-GO

Taekwondo Club  
  
Botany Bay  
12:00 - 13:00

### GAELIC FOOTBALL MIXED BLITZ

College Park  
14:00 - 16:00

### GIVE-IT-A-GO

Judo Club  
  
Ancillary Hall  
16:00 - 18:00

### INTRODUCTION TO ORIENTEERING

Orienteering Club  
  
Cricket Pitch  
18:00 - 18:30

## FRIDAY 20<sup>th</sup> Sep

### FRESHERS FAIR

10:00 - 15:00  
No sign up needed,  
just show up!

### SPORTS CENTRE TOUR

Book via eventbrite  
12:00 - 12:30

### SPORTS CENTRE TOUR

Book via eventbrite  
12:30 - 13:00

### GIVE-IT-A-GO Trampoline Club

Main Hall A  
12:00 - 15:00

### GIVE-IT-A-GO Orienteering Club

Beginning at the  
Campanile  
12:00 - 13:00

### GIVE-IT-A-GO Fencing Club

Ancillary Hall  
15:00 - 17:00

### SOCIAL HOCKEY SESSION Hockey Men

Botany Bay  
18:00 - 19:00





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**FÁILTE ROMHAIBH, A FHREISEARA**

**WELCOME FRESHERS**

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SEACHTAIN NA BHFREISEAR



YOUR LATE-NIGHT EVENTS FOR  
FRESHERS WEEK

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**MON 16-FRI 20**



Next week in the Global Room

# ORIENTATION WEEK FOR UNDERGRADS!

**Monday 16th**

**Tuesday 17th**

**Wednesday 18th**

14.00pm Speed  
Friending

15.00pm Speed  
Friending

10.00am Welcome  
Breakfast

14.00pm Speed  
Friending

15.00pm Speed  
Friending

FREE  
TICKETS OUT  
ON FRIDAY  
@ 12PM

**Thursday 19th**

**Friday 20th**

14.00pm Speed  
Friending

15.00pm Speed  
Friending

11.00am Immigration  
officer Zhilong Wang  
Drop in Clinic

18.00pm Pizza & Game  
Night

Next week...  
New2Dublin programme



Trinity College Dublin  
Coláiste na Tríonóide, Baile Átha Cliath  
The University of Dublin  
Global Room









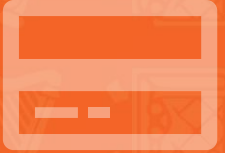
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# YOUR T-CARD



Your student ID card



Cashless payment system on campus



Shop and save with student discounts!

**TCARD.TCD.IE**



The Buttery



The Dining Hall



SU Shop



Aras an Phiarsaigh



The Perch



Academic Registry



Sport Centre



Students' Union



St James' Hospital



Tallaght Hospital

**YOUR T-CARD**



# ORIENTATION HUB



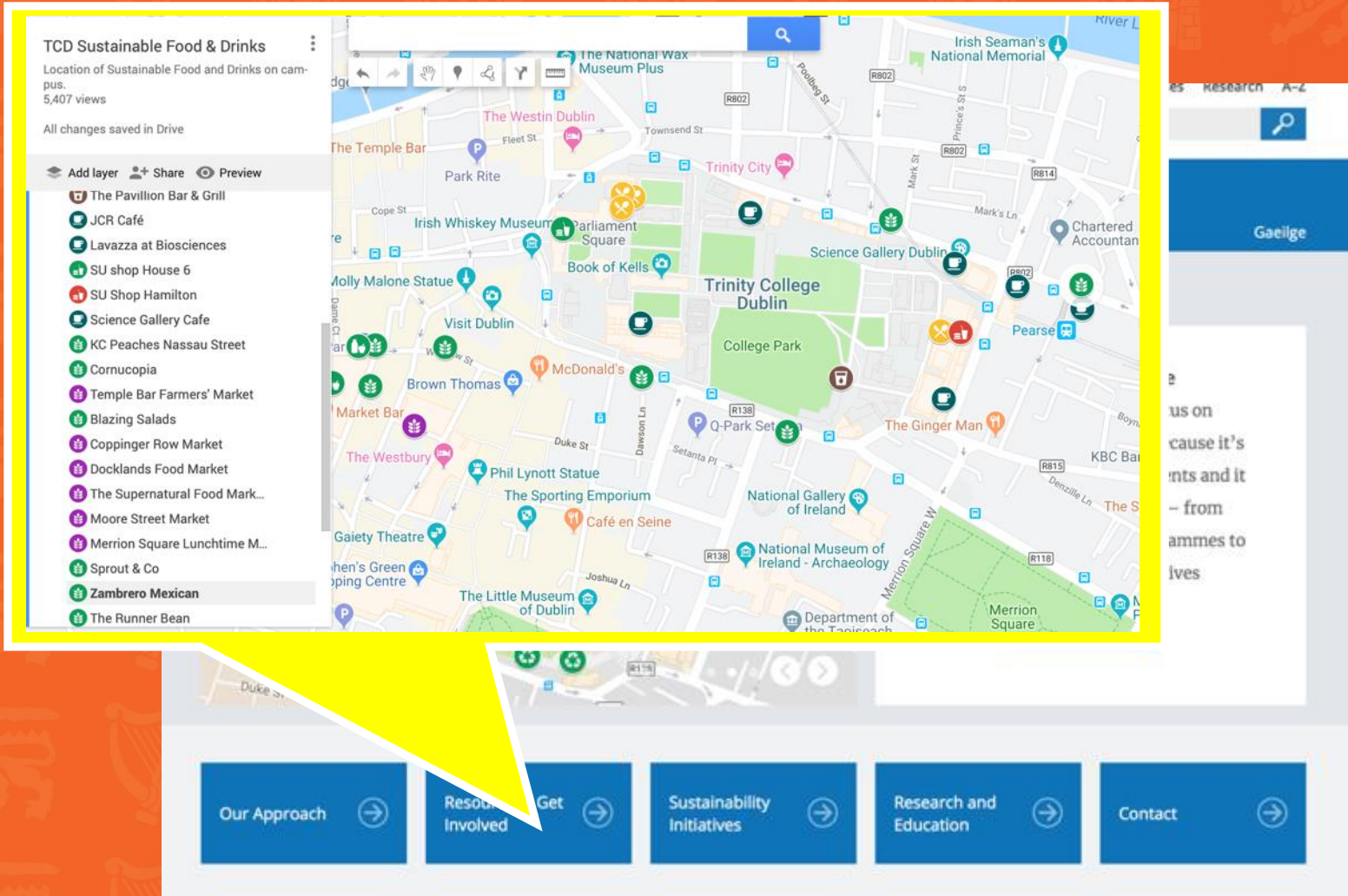
## Collect your student card

## Talk to services

- Academic Registry
- IT Services
- Trinity Global
- DisAbility Service
- Student Counselling Services
- SafeZone
- Lockers
- Sport

## Win daily prizes!!!

# SUSTAINABILITY



[tcd.ie/provost/sustainability/](https://tcd.ie/provost/sustainability/)

Maps, guides, water stations, toilets, and much much more



# KEEPING A **SUSTAINABLE** HOUSE

## Unplug

Unplug appliances when not in use

Plug them into power strips and turn off at the wall

Unplug kitchen appliances too

## Lights

Turn off lights when not in use

Open the blinds!

Use fluorescent bulbs (you'll save some money too!)

## Recycling

Sort your rubbish and recycle appropriately

A requirement on campus

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**How to be a Trinity student**





## How to be a Trinity student

- Culture
- Top tips for successful assignments
- Independent research
- Using the Library

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# WHAT IS CULTURE?

- Culture is the various beliefs, behaviours, languages, practices and expressions considered unique to members of a specific ethnicity, race or national origin
- Making connections with people from a wide range of diverse cultural and language backgrounds will help you make the most of your time in Trinity
- Culture clash can arise when you find yourself in a situation where your home culture and host culture are in conflict





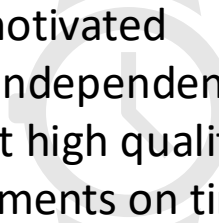
# EVERYDAY CULTURAL DIFFERENCES

- Greetings
- Small talk
- Punctuality
- Socialising and alcohol
- Humour
- Formality vs informality
- Personal space
- Slang
- Direct vs indirect communication

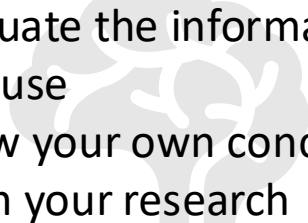


# TOP TIPS FOR ACADEMIC SUCCESS

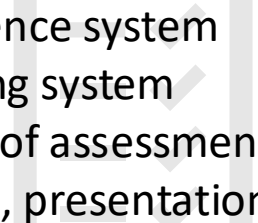
## TIME MANAGEMENT

- 
- Stay motivated
  - Work independently
  - Submit high quality assignments on time

## DEVELOP CRITICAL THINKING SKILLS

- 
- Evaluate the information you use
  - Draw your own conclusions from your research

## UNDERSTAND WHAT YOUR LECTURER IS LOOKING FOR

- 
- Reference system
  - Grading system
  - Types of assessment (reports, essays, presentations, exams)



# AS AN INDEPENDENT RESEARCHER, YOU NEED TO KNOW HOW TO...

1

Locate information that is  
relevant and reliable



2

Critically engage with  
literature and make your  
own contribution

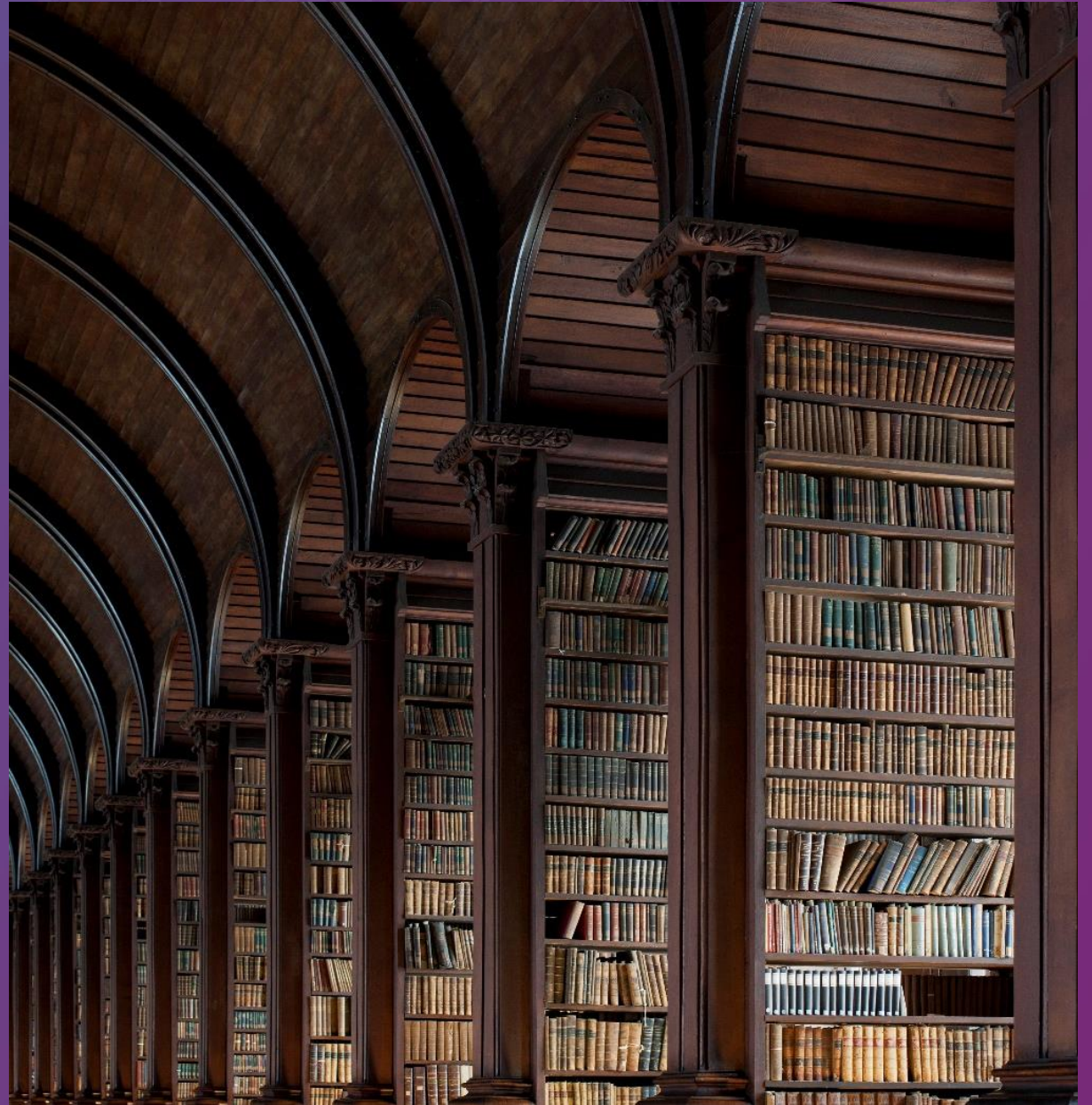


3

Use information in an  
ethical manner – when you  
reference someone else's  
work, make sure you  
acknowledge them



*Welcome!*  
to the largest library  
in Ireland. We look  
forward to helping  
you achieve and  
succeed



[www.tcd.ie/library](http://www.tcd.ie/library)



# IRELAND'S LARGEST RESEARCH LIBRARY

7 million physical items

1,300,000 e-books

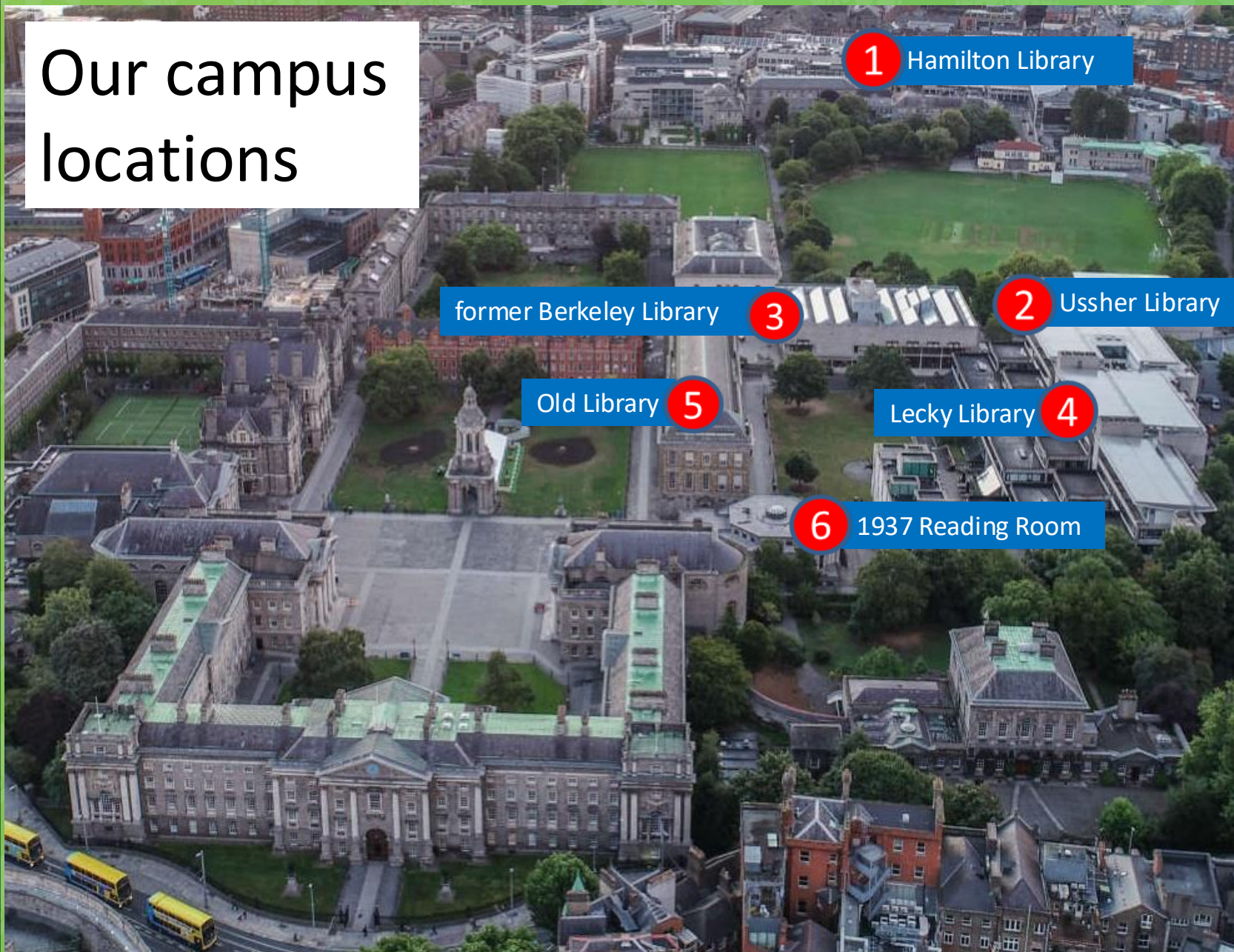
150,000 e-journals

3000+ study spaces  
including dedicated  
sensory spaces





# Our campus locations



1 Hamilton Library

Computer Science  
Engineering  
Health Sciences  
Mathematics  
Natural Sciences  
Statistics

1

Business Studies  
Geography  
Geology  
Economics  
Education  
Politics  
Social Studies

4

former Berkeley Library

3

2 Ussher Library

2

Old Library

5

Lecky Library

4

6

1937 Reading Room

Ancient History  
Drama & Film Studies  
English  
History of Art  
Languages  
Map Library  
Music  
Religion  
Philosophy  
Research Collections –  
Manuscripts &  
Archives; Early Printed  
Books

2

The Old Library  
– well worth a visit!

5

24-hours  
Postgraduate  
Study Space

6

Off Campus: Santry  
Book Repository

Offsite Storage –  
request items via *Click  
and Collect*

History  
Law  
Nursing & Midwifery  
Official Publications (IE)  
Psychology

3

Off Campus: John  
Stearne Medical  
Library, St James's  
Hospital

## USING THE LIBRARY



# VISIT US ONLINE AT TCD.IE/LIBRARY

The Library of Trinity College Dublin

Menu Home Search Collections Using the Library About the Library Support & Training Events Contact Gaeilge

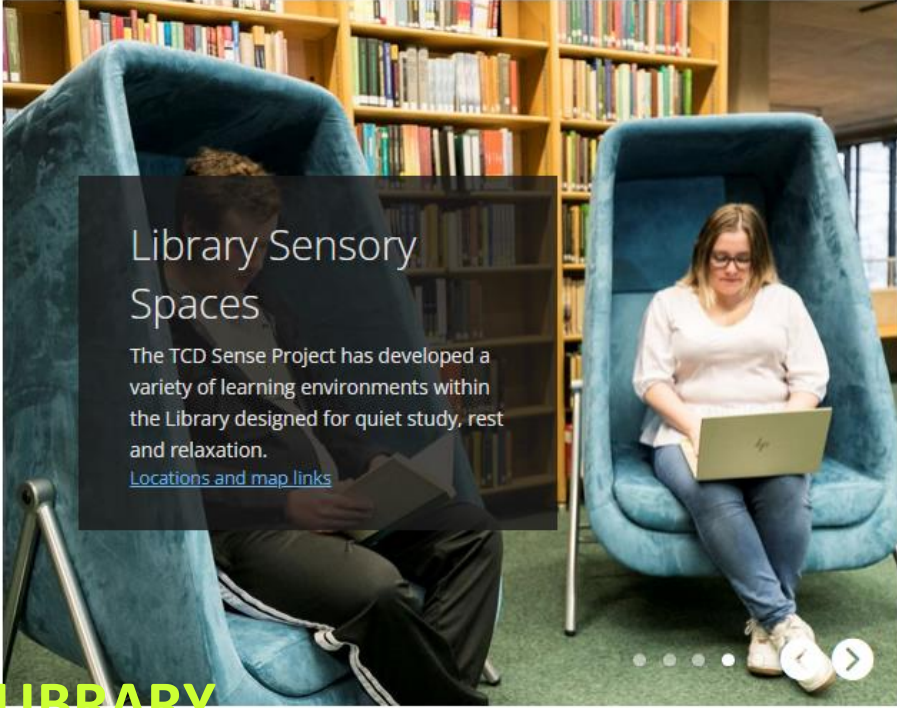
Stella Search Books & More Journals Digital Collections

Search for articles, books, e-books, journal titles, and more

GO

My Library Account →

Book a Group Study Room →



Library Sensory Spaces

The TCD Sense Project has developed a variety of learning environments within the Library designed for quiet study, rest and relaxation.

[Locations and map links](#)

Admissions →

Academic Integrity →

Borrowing & Renewing →

Databases & E-Books →

EndNote →

FAQs →

MyReadingList@TCD →

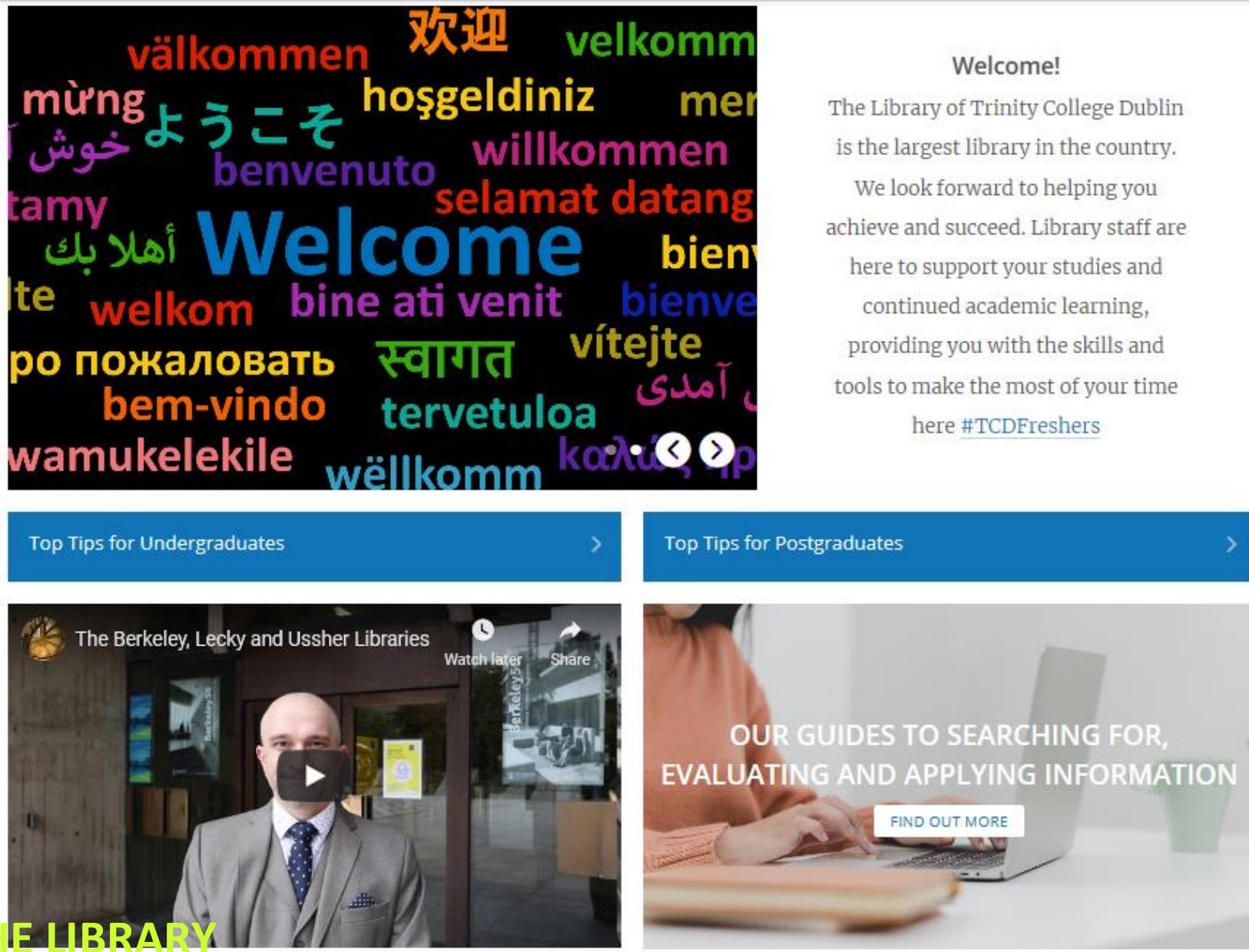
Off Campus Access →

Subject Librarians →

Welcome to the Library →

USING THE LIBRARY

# WELCOME TO THE LIBRARY WEBPAGE: [tcd.ie/library/new-students](http://tcd.ie/library/new-students)



The screenshot displays the library's welcome page for new students. At the top, a large word cloud features the word "Welcome" in various languages and colors, including "välkommen", "欢迎", "velkomm", "mùng", "ようこそ", "hoşgeldiniz", "mer", "خوش", "benvenuto", "willkommen", "selamat datang", "أهلاً بك", "bien", "te", "welkom", "bine ati venit", "bienve", "po пожаловать", "स्वागत", "vítejte", "bem-vindo", "tervetuloa", "آمدی", "wamukelekile", "wëllkomm", and "καλώς".

Below the word cloud, the text reads: "Welcome! The Library of Trinity College Dublin is the largest library in the country. We look forward to helping you achieve and succeed. Library staff are here to support your studies and continued academic learning, providing you with the skills and tools to make the most of your time here [#TCDFreshers](#)".

Two blue buttons are visible: "Top Tips for Undergraduates" and "Top Tips for Postgraduates", both with right-pointing arrows.

At the bottom left, there is a video player titled "The Berkeley, Lecky and Ussher Libraries" with a play button icon. The video shows a man in a suit standing in front of a library entrance. The video player includes "Watch later" and "Share" options.

At the bottom right, there is a section titled "OUR GUIDES TO SEARCHING FOR, EVALUATING AND APPLYING INFORMATION" with a "FIND OUT MORE" button.

USING THE LIBRARY



# CURRENT UNDERGRADUATE 24-HOUR SPACES

## KINSELLA HALL

- Open 7 days a week to all students
- Enter via former Berkeley Library when Library Complex is open
- Enter via external door when Library complex is closed



USING THE LIBRARY

# FINDING A PRINT BOOK ON THE SHELF



Use Search Stella (our catalogue) to identify where your book is located

You can borrow 10 books at a time for up to 28 days (and renew online)

Codes (shelfmarks) are assigned to books to help you locate them on the shelves

The code is visible on a white shelf mark label attached to the cover of the book

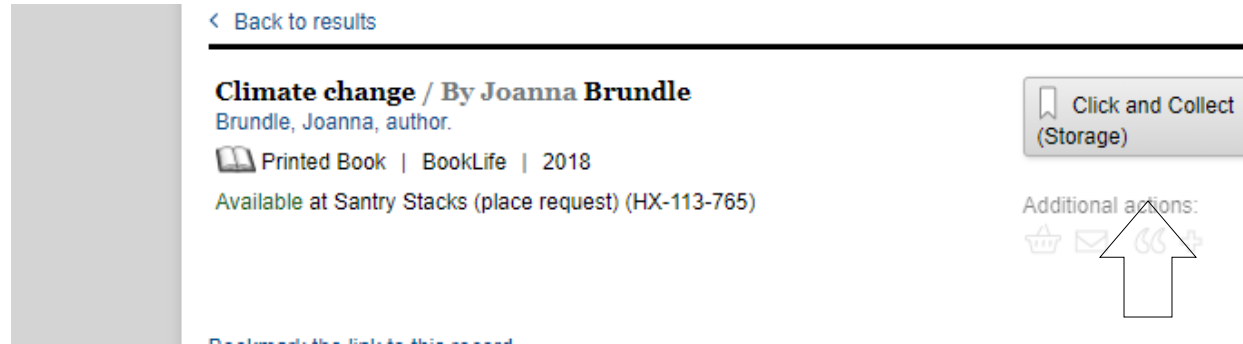
90% of our collection is in storage (on and offsite) - request these items through *Stella Search* using *Click and Collect*

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# REQUESTING AN ITEM HELD IN STORAGE

The Stella Search entry indicates if your book is held in storage:



- **Ussher Stacks (within 24 hours, often much sooner)**
- **Santry and External Store (generally next weekday)**
- Other materials must be requested using a call slip (ask at our service desks)
- All material can be requested to the reading room for consultation and most can be borrowed

# LIBRARY HITS



**Google 'library hits tcd'**

- Demystifying AI & Applying AI – two conversations around AI
- Academic Integrity
- Essay Writing
- Reading & Note-Taking
- Reading, Thinking & Writing Critically
- Smart Searching
- Defining Your Research Question
- Research & your Literature Review
- Beginners' Guide to EndNote

See videos of previous sessions now and watch out for emails listing new live classes later in the year

**USING THE LIBRARY**



# Your Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Library Team



**Isolde Harpur**

Asian Studies; English;  
German; Linguistic, Speech  
& Communication Sciences;  
Russian & Slavonic Studies



**David Macnaughton**

Business; Economics;  
Engineering;  
Mathematics;  
Philosophy; Political  
Science; Sociology



**Helen Bradley**

Drama & Theatre  
Studies;  
European Studies;  
Film Studies



**Caroline Montgomery**

French; Irish; Italian; Near  
& Middle Eastern Studies;  
Religion; Social Work &  
Social Policy; Spanish

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**Seán Hughes**

Classics; Gender &  
Women's Studies;  
History; History of  
Art & Architecture



**Geraldine Fitzgerald**  
Education; Psychology



**Terry McDonald**  
Law



**Roy Stanley**  
Music



**Dererca Nolan**  
Support Team Leader  
at the Library  
Complex

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# Your STEM and Health Science Library Team



**Jessica Leonard**

Genetics;  
Geology;  
Nursing &  
Midwifery



**Jessica Eustace-Cook**

Nursing & Midwifery;  
SFI Research Support



**David Mockler**

Medicine at St  
James's Hospital



**Grace McDonald**

Support Team  
Leader at St  
James's Hospital

**USING THE LIBRARY**



**Andrew Jones**

Computer Science;  
Dental Science;  
Neuroscience (PG);  
Pharmacy; Statistics



**Margaret Rooney**

Biochemistry; Biology;  
Botany; Environmental  
Science; Geography;  
Immunology; Microbiology;  
Molecular Medicine;  
Neuroscience (UG);  
Zoology



**Greg Sheaf**

Chemistry; Physics



**Donncha O'Donnchadha**

Support Team Leader  
at the Hamilton Library

**USING THE LIBRARY**



# TOP TIPS

- ✓ CONTACT your Subject Librarian for expert searching advice
- ✓ ATTEND a Library HITS class and brush up on your research skills
- ✓ SEARCH for books on your reading list or any topic using *Stella Search* (catalogue)
- ✓ INSTALL Lean Library to find the full text of articles via Google or Google Scholar
- ✓ BORROW up to 10 books at a time
- ✓ REQUEST books from storage using the *Click and Collect* service in *Stella Search*
- ✓ USE the Self-Service Kiosks to borrow or return books
- ✓ PRINT/COPY/SCAN on any printer (service managed by Datapac). ID code = your student number; PIN e-mailed when you register with TCD
- ✓ ATTEND a Library tour!

IF YOU'RE STUCK, JUST ASK! LIBRARY  
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# MORE INFORMATION, GUIDANCE AND THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

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/resources/index.php](https://www.tcd.ie/students/orientation/resources/index.php)







Thank you and good luck!

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