Gender Recognition Policy

Newnham College was founded in 1871 to promote academic excellence for women, and this remains our goal. Newnham prides itself on offering excellent support and encouragement to all the students it admits.

We are a women-only College, and in adherence to our Statutes we will consider at the admissions stage those who are formally recognised as female and are identified as such on a current passport, driving licence, birth certificate or gender recognition certificate. Holders of other forms of documentation should consult with the Admissions Office.

Once a student matriculates at Newnham, we offer educational support throughout the student’s course. If a student decides to transition to male, then he would be treated as an individual case, and his interests and wishes would be paramount in consideration of appropriate action. If a transitioning student wanted to transfer to a mixed College, then we would offer assistance in that endeavour, following the guidance set out for changing Colleges in the Tutors’ Guide. We would not require a transitioning student to leave Newnham.

Support and advice is also available from the CUSU LGBT+ Campaign, www.lgbt.cusu.cam.ac.uk/ and www.lgbt.cusu.cam.ac.uk/resources/trans/transitioning-in-cambridge/

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