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The Varsity Hotel & Spa

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Last weekend, we were lucky enough to be invited along to stay at the gorgeous new Varsity Hotel & Spa, in Cambridge.

The hotel is located on the edge of the picturesque River Cam in the heart of Cambridge and just yards from St John's, Trinity and Magdalene College. Being a boutique hotel with just 48 individual rooms, they each celebrate the cultural heritage of Cambridge, and providing unparalleled views across the city. Each room is designed and decorated in a contemporary English style. We were lucky enough to have the perfect view across Cambridge, with a floor to ceiling window and 4-poster bed. Each room is named after a different Oxbridge college, and features an LCD TV, DVD library and i-Pod dock. Most rooms are air conditioned, and offer monsoon showers and under-floor heating. Artwork throughout the hotel will be provided by local artists from Cambridge interesting and constantly evolving

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galleries, keeping the wall space fresh, depending which artist is in residence.



Easily the nicest staff at any hotel I have ever been to, friendly and helpful during our stay. The location of the hotel is fantastic, and is steps away from hundreds of shops, restaurants and attractions. Staying at the hotel, you will also be given complimentary access to the neighbouring spa, The Glassworks, which features a sauna, steam room and Jacuzzi that overlooks the River Cam. I treated myself to a Back, neck and shoulder massage after breakfast which set me up perfectly for the day. After chilling in our room we headed out punting - a romantic way to wile away an



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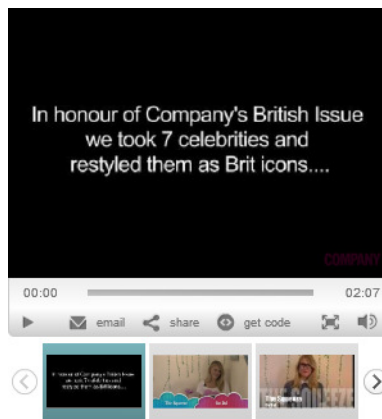
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hour... We ventured to the 6th floor after lunch to take in the most breath-taking views and one of the highest vantage points in the town centre which is entered through a James Bond style automated glass hatch. It will be interesting to see what the team decide to do with this space when summer comes around again.

Breakfast and dinner are served in the Hotel Bar, which has an extensive list of traditional and electric cocktails, as well as a comprehensive selection of wine and champagne - Perfect for both a pre-dinner tippie or a Sunday morning Bloody Mary while reading the papers! Breakfast is self service, all freshly cooked with a vast choice available. They are looking to change the main restaurant into a Steak house, but the food we had on the night was mouth watering: Prawn Cocktail starter, and mains of "how you like" steak with gorgeous potato wedges!

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