Each number on this map represents a column or doorway within the cloisters. Starting from the Forgan Smith Tower and proceeding clockwise, they are ordered from 1 to 334.

Each column has four carvings: a, b, c, and d. Each doorway has one carving. The first letter of the code is either a, b, c, or d, indicating whether the carvings are on a column or a doorway, and which side is facing the Great Court.

A map of the cloisters with each number representing a column or doorway. The key explains how to identify the carvings on the columns and doors.

Four-sided column:
Identification code: When walking through the cloisters and facing the Great Court, side a (the left side) is immediately in front of you, and side d is to your right. Side b is the one facing you when you stand in the Great Court itself.

Carving type: Unless blank, each side features a coat of arms, which may or may not be repeated around the column.

Three-sided column:
Identification code: When walking through the cloisters and facing the Great Court, side a is to the left, side c is in the middle, and side b is to the right.

Carving type: Unless blank, a coat of arms features in the centre panel (code f), and botanical (floral) carvings are at the left and right (code e and g).

Doorway (one-sided):
Identification code: These carvings are all labelled h. Carving type: Usually blank; the doorways feature either the coat of arms for UK’s Christ’s College at Cambridge University or an open-book frieze.

Example: CS07 is a coat of arms located on the four-sided column CS07 outside the cloisters, facing the Great Court. CS07 is the arms for Italy’s University of Bologna.
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KEY
- B BOTANICAL
- C COAT OF ARMS
- I INSCRIPTION
- Z ZOOLOGICAL
- G GROTESQUE

MAP B
carvings OUTSIDE the cloisters