

# THE QUEEN'S COLLEGE MEAL GUIDE



# A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Isn't eating the best? Who doesn't love a meal? Come and have a meal at Queen's!

We know that the Hall can be an intimidating place, full of weird cloaks and portraits of people all pointing at the same spot for some spooky reason. This guide should clarify the (previously) unwritten rules of dining at Queen's. - Kevin

# VICTUALLER'S FOREWORD

The meals at Queen's are intended to be a fun, sociable, and inclusive experience.

We are privileged to have some of the best food among all of the Colleges.

Within this guide, you will find all of the information to answer any meal related questions you may have. - Elliott

# GENERAL TIPS AND ADVICE

- Always use your cutlery from the outside first, working your way inward through each course. Dessert cutlery can be placed above your plate.
- Your bread is always to the left of you or in front of you
- Your glass is always to your right
- It is always polite to offer people water when pouring your own
- It is polite to wait and not eat until people in your immediate area have their food
- Do not reach across people
- Always say thank you to the Hall Staff
- Please arrive to hall at least 5 minutes before the stated start of the meal
- Wine can be purchased from the Buttery before evening meals, the buttery opens from approximately 17:55 on week-nights and 18:15 on weekends
- When using the butter it is polite to offer it to others
- The buttery will close at 19:00. No wine can be purchased after this

# RULES

- You must always stand when The High Table enter or leave the room, this will be signified with a banging of a hammer
- Phones are not to be used when The High Table are present
- Please only stand on the table when necessary at lunch, standing on the table is strictly prohibited when the High Table are present
- Table settings should not be changed in any way e.g. to move the plate and cutlery to the other side of the table
- All wine must be purchased or stamped in the Buttery if you wish to take it into the hall
- You will be refused entry if you are late to Hall
- You will be refused entry if you are not appropriately dressed
- Please respect the Hall Staff. If you do not, they reserve the right to remove you from the hall and petition for a ban from Hall
- Meals cannot be canceled or amended after the stated booking closing time
- Once you have entered the Hall you must go straight to your seat
- You must not move name cards from the original seating plan
- You cannot bring glassware from the MCR to the Hall

## MEAL TIMINGS

### BREAKFAST

Monday to Saturday: 8.15 am – 8.45 am

Sundays: 8.40 am – 9 am

**SATURDAY BRUNCH** in Weeks 0-7: from 10 am – 11.30 am

### LUNCH

Monday to Friday: 12.30 pm – 1.30 pm

Saturdays: No lunch

Sundays: 12.15 pm – 12.45 pm, 3 course lunch

### DINNER

Monday to Fridays: 6.30 pm & 7.15 pm in Hall  
Takeaway 6.40 pm – 7 pm

Saturdays: JCR Guest Table at 7.15 pm

Sundays: 7.30 pm

The Dining Hall café is open from 10 am – 11.30 am from 1st Week to 8th Week.

\* From Hilary Term 2023, the timings for brunch on Saturdays in weeks 0 to 7 of each term will return to 10.00 am – 11.30 am, apart from on occasions that conflict with lunch events in Hall, in which case it be held at 9.00 am – 10.30 am.

## DRESS CODE

### BREAKFAST

No Dress Code

### LUNCH

No Dress Code

### DINNER (1st Sitting)

No Dress Code

### DINNER (2nd Sitting)

Smart or Smart Casual (no sportswear)

Gowns are required for Queen's Students

### DINNER (JCR Guest Night & MCR Guest Night)

Black-Tie optional (Formal suit/classy dress)

Gowns are required for Queen's Students

## FURTHER INFORMATION SOURCES

<https://www.queens.ox.ac.uk/student/meals-and-payments-system/>

<https://mcr.queens.ox.ac.uk/2022/09/13/the-queens-mcr/>

<https://mcr.queens.ox.ac.uk/food-at-the-queens-college/>