



ST JOHN'S COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE

Exercising your dining privileges

Johnnians of six years' standing, not currently in residence, are welcome to dine in College, up to three times per academic year at College expense, **except on Saturdays or on dates when there is a College function** (see below). **It is also not possible to dine during August.** Accommodation at College expense is available on the night you dine, if a guest room is available.

Two different schemes are now in operation: dining at the Fellows' table, and dining in the main body of the Hall at the MA table. The MA table is the option available for Johnnians wishing to be accompanied at dinner by a guest.

DINING AT THE FELLOWS' TABLE

Timings

On **Monday to Friday** dinner is served at 7.30pm, while on **Sunday** dinner begins at the later time of 7.45pm. Dinner is usually over within an hour. The door to the Green Room, at B Staircase, Second Court, is open fifteen minutes before dinner. Sherry, wine, and non-alcoholic drinks are available there. No charge is made, but you are asked to enter your name on the sheet provided with (OJ) following it.

Location

During Full Term (2 October to 30 November 2019, 15 January to 15 March and 23 April to 12 June 2020) dinner is served in Hall from **Sunday to Friday**. Outside Full Term dinner is served in the Combination Room.

Places for dining at High Table, on any given night, are limited and there are also some occasions when dinner is not available because of a College function or because the kitchens are closed. Those currently known are:

7, 21, 28 September 2019
4, 6, 7, 11, 23, 25 October 2019
15, 20, 22, 29 November 2019
6, 24 to 31 December 2019
1, 13, 17, 22, 24 January 2020
7, 14, 19 February 2020
13 March 2020
20 April 2020
1, 6, 29 May 2020
3, 15, 16, 27, 28 June 2020

It should be noted that Fellows often take the opportunity to be away from College in September so you may find that Fridays and Sundays (and in fact other days) are quiet. Please note that the **College may cancel dinner on an evening when no Fellow is dining.**

Dress code / Gowns

The dress code for dinner at Fellows' Table is jacket and tie for men, smart casual for women, and you are also asked to wear a gown. The Fellows' Butler has a number of spare gowns for visiting Johnians. If you would like to borrow one for the evening he can usually be found before dinner in the Pantry, upstairs by the Combination Room.

Wine Circle

On Sunday nights a Wine Circle assembles in the Combination Room after dinner and if dining at the Fellows' Table you are welcome to attend. There is no charge for participating. Please note, however, that the Wine Circle is presided over by a Fellow and therefore will not take place if no Fellow wishes to attend. This is commonly the case during the summer vacation (July-September inclusive).

DINING IN HALL WITH A GUEST

The College has for some years made available to non-resident Johnians the possibility of bringing one adult guest into dinner on certain nights during Full Term. Since 2016-17 a revised scheme has been in place, involving the institution of an MA table in the main body of the Hall. Johnians now have the possibility of dining once a year with one adult guest at the MA Table on a number of Sundays during Full Term (it is not regarded as appropriate to introduce those of school or undergraduate age as guests). We have this way been able to accommodate more Johnians (normally eight each time rather than as previously four) bringing a guest, also at College expense. A dinner taken at the MA Table will be regarded as one of the three meals Johnians are invited to take in College mentioned above. The Sunday timing will we hope be attractive to any Johnian wishing to bring their guest to Choral Evensong just before dinner.

The dress code for dinner at the MA Table is jacket and tie for men, smart casual for women, and you are also asked to wear a gown. Entry to the Hall is via the screens passage. If you need a gown, the catering staff will have spare gowns available at that entry, which you are asked to return at the end of the evening. Dinner at the MA Table, as on the junior member tables, is a relatively leisurely meal, beginning on Sundays at 7.45pm. The College bar in Second Court is available before and after dinner.

Sundays when Johnians may dine at the MA Table with a guest:
[None during July/August/September or December]

13, 27 October 2019
10, 24 November 2019
26 January 2020
9, 23 February 2020
8 March 2020
26 April 2020
10, 24 May 2020
7 June 2020

Bookings

Dinner bookings for the Fellows' Table and for the MA Table should be made through the Assistant to the Fellows' Steward on 01223 338686 or by email at FellowsSteward@joh.cam.ac.uk **no later than 7 days in advance** of the date you wish to dine.