



ST JOHN'S COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE

Exercising your dining privileges

Johnians who have been matriculated as undergraduates for 6 years and Johnians who began a course of graduate studies 3 years ago or more, if not currently in residence, are welcome to dine in College, up to three times per academic year at College expense. **Exceptions are Saturdays, dates when there is a College function (see below) and the month of August.** Accommodation may also be booked on the night you dine, if a guest room is available, at a charge of £75.92 for a single room and £103.42 for a twin.

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 Johnians 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 (O) following it.

Location

During Full Term (7 October to 5 December 2025, 20 January to 20 March, and 28 April to 19 June 2026) dinner is normally served in Hall from **Sunday to Friday (although currently in the Combination Room on Monday)**. Outside Full Term dinner is served in the Combination Room.

Dates

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:

1, 7, 17, 22, 24 October 2025
7, 19, 21, 28 November 2025
5, 24 to 31 December 2025
1, 2, 16, 19, 23, 30 January 2026
4, 13, 27 February 2026
4, 20, 27 March 2026
27 April 2026
1, 6, 13, 15, 22 May 2026
5, 10, 13, 27 June 2026
1 July 2026

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 will 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 Johnnians. If you would like to borrow one for the evening he can usually be found before dinner in the pantry next to 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 (MA TABLE)

The College has for some years made available to non-resident Johnnians the possibility of bringing a 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. Johnnians 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 Johnnians (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 Johnnians are invited to take in College mentioned above. The Sunday timing will we hope be attractive to any Johnnian 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 entrance, 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 Johnnians may dine at the MA Table with a guest are:

12, 26 October 2025
2, 16, 23 November 2025
15, 22 February 2026
1, 8, 15 March 2026
10, 17, 31 May 2026
7 June 2026

Bookings

Dinner bookings for the Fellows' Table and for the MA Table should be made via the [DP booking form](#), by email at FellowsSteward@joh.cam.ac.uk or telephone the Fellowship and Events Administrator on 01223 338731 **no later than 7 days in advance** of the date you wish to dine.

Places at High Table are normally limited to eight Johnnians each evening. For larger groups, please contact events@joh.cam.ac.uk to book a private dinner: please note your dining privileges cannot be used for this.