

Reuben College Termcard

Michaelmas Term 2024

This is your handbook for events organised by the staff and Fellows of Reuben College. The graduate community organises additional social events which are advertised separately. Please note:

- Reuben members are able to bring guests to each evening event: there will be a charge for guest meals.
- For **Reuben Explores** you are asked to register via Microsoft Forms using the links below by 9am on the Friday prior to each event. You are welcome to invite non-Reuben friends - we just ask that you register them in advance. This event is free of charge.
- For **Tuesday Talks**, you'll need to book (and pay for guests) via University Online Stores by 9am on the Friday prior to each event. See [Terms & Conditions for Tuesday Talks here](#). This event is free for Reuben members, and £15 for guests.
- For **Formal Halls** (£25) and **Cultural Suppers** (£15) you will need to book and pay via University Online Stores by 9am on the Friday prior to each event.

Events are subject to change: these will be communicated in the College's weekly newsletter wherever possible.

WEEKLY LUNCHES

Lunch is normally served Monday - Friday between 12:00 - 13:00 for Reuben members only (and guests). Lunch is open to all University members from 13:00 - 14:00.

MONDAY DINNERS

In term time, dinner is available on Monday evenings from 17:30 - 18:45 for Reuben members and guests.

***Lunch and Monday dinners do not need to be booked in advance.**

WEEK 1

13 – 19 OCTOBER

Reuben Explores: Public Engagement with Research

Monday 14 October

17:30 – 18:30, First Floor Common Room

Engaging society beyond academia with research is an integral part of what it means to be an academic, and has a wide range of benefits for society, policy, and for your own research. Join us to learn about these mutual benefits, and find out more about Reuben's Public Engagement with Research (PER) Innovation Fund, and how it can support your own endeavours. We will finish promptly at 18:30 to allow attendees to go to dinner.

[Book here](#)



Tuesday Talks: Are Race and Religion on the 2024 Ballot?

Tuesday 15 October

18:20 – 21:00

Dining Hall

Join [Reverend Professor Keith Magee](#) to discuss if the US campaign trail is weaponising race and religion for electoral gain. Professor Magee will draw from his book, *Prophetic Justice: Race, Religion, and Politics*, to explore the historical context of American democracy and how, with empathy, courage, and faith, we can face the injustices of the past and celebrate our common humanity.

[Book here](#)

International Film Night: Au Revoir La Haut

Wednesday 16 October

From 19:00 in the bar. Look out for details in our weekly College newsletter. [Book here](#)



Formal Hall

Thursday 17 October

19:00 – 21:00

Dining Hall

Welcome to our first Formal Hall of the year. Enjoy live music from Oxford's Alternatives whilst meeting peers and sampling a wide range of international foods. We encourage wearing or bringing something representing your culture / heritage / nationality. This could be, for example, bringing a small trinket, or wearing the colours of your national flag or traditional dress.

[Book here](#)

WEEK 2

20 – 26 OCTOBER

Tuesday Talks: Doing good without losing money - the role of private investment in international development

Tuesday 22 October

18:20 – 21:00 , Dining Hall

Sir Graham Wrigley, Reuben College Visiting Fellow, was Chairman of British International Investment (BII) from 2013 to 2022. BII is the development finance arm of the UK government, and invests \$1.5 billion a year in Africa and South Asia in projects ranging from agribusiness and energy, to health care and information technology. Sir Graham will discuss the challenges and rewards of trying to promote economic development in some of the world's poorest countries. We will look at some concrete BII projects and discuss the role of private investment in health care, clean energy and more.

[Book here](#)

Formal Hall

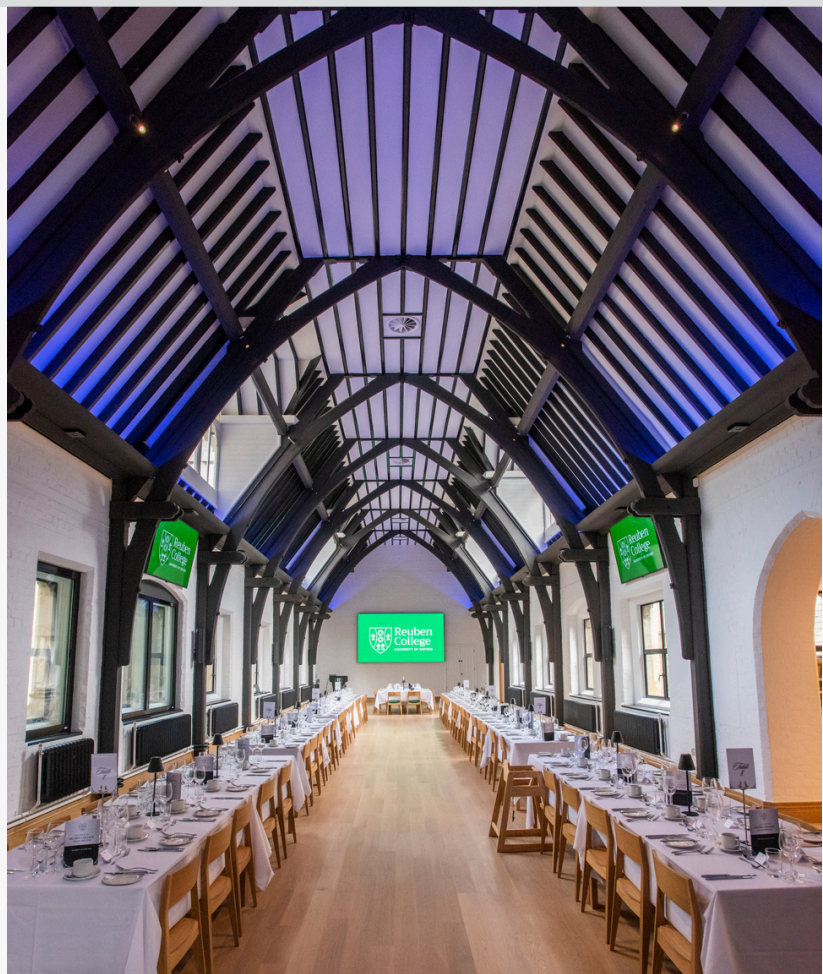
Thursday 24 October

19:00 – 21:00

Dining Hall

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WEEK 3

27 OCTOBER – 2 NOVEMBER

Reuben Explores: Innovation & Entrepreneurship

Monday 28 October

17:30 – 18:30, First Floor Common Room

One of Reuben's strategic areas is Innovation & Entrepreneurship (I&E). What does that mean, and how can you link your studies with venture development and impact? Come along and meet our I&E Fellows for an introduction to what I&E can do for you and find out more about Oxford's entrepreneurship ecosystem. We will finish promptly at 18:30 to allow attendees to go to dinner.

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Tuesday Talks: Why public engagement & representation in science matters

Tuesday 29 October

18:20 – 21:00

Dining Hall

In the UK, the COVID-19 pandemic revealed a higher prevalence and mortality in minority ethnic communities, in particular those of African and Caribbean descent. However, despite the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 in African diasporic communities, the rate of vaccine uptake is lowest in these groups. The reasons for this have not been fully investigated but cannot be attributed solely to hesitancy. At this seminar, Reuben Visiting Fellow [Dr Donald Palmer](#) will discuss his research on the impact of age on immune function and how this led to developing tailored messaging when engaging with various communities.

[Book here](#)

Cultural Supper: Diwali

Thursday 31 October

19:00 – 21:00

Dining Hall

Diwali is the festival of light, celebrated around the world, and falls on the 31st of October this year. Reuben invites you to learn about and celebrate Diwali through music and a buffet-style dinner. We encourage wearing traditional and/or colourful attire.

Twice termly, Cultural suppers celebrate the diversity of Reuben's members: all are welcome.

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WEEK 4

3-9 NOVEMBER

Tuesday Talks: Student Takeover - Public Engagement with Research

Tuesday 5 November

18:20 - 21:00

Dining Hall

Join us for presentations from Reuben students who have been running their own amazing Public Engagement with Research (PER) projects in the last year, from game development to Reubocomp (a summer camp in India). This seminar will help you think about how to best engage people with your own research and detail opportunities in College.

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Formal Hall

Thursday 7 November

19:00 - 21:00

Dining Hall

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WEEK 5

10 – 16 NOVEMBER

Reuben Explores: Applying for DPhil study

Monday 11 November

17:30 – 18:30, First Floor Common Room

This is an event for Masters students who are considering applying for a DPhil, starting in October 2025. With the deadline for applications rapidly approaching, join Reuben Fellows for advice on making a DPhil application. Bring along your questions and be ready to make some notes. We will finish promptly at 18:30 to allow attendees to go to dinner. [**Book here**](#)



Tuesday Talks: Behaviour, Law & Policy

Tuesday 12 November

18:20 – 21:00

Dining Hall

A growing body of evidence from psychology, behavioural and cognitive economics, as well as behavioural ethics, documents significant differences from the standard "rational actor" model. Given that this model has long been an assumption in legal circles, what are the implications of this research for law and public policy? Join us to discuss these issues with Reuben College Ethics and Values Fellow [Geneviève Helleringer](#).

[**Book here**](#)

Cultural Supper: Arabian Nights

Thursday 14 November

19:00 – 21:00

Dining Hall

This Arabian Nights themed supper will celebrate the shining, shimmering, splendid cultures of the Arab world, filled with enchanting stories, music, and traditions. Reuben invites you to learn about and explore the rich flavours and tales from this region through a vibrant buffet-style dinner. We encourage wearing traditional attire or clothing inspired by Arabian culture.

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International Film Night: I'm not scared

Wednesday 13 November

From 19:00 in the bar. Look out for details in our weekly College newsletter. [**Book here**](#)



WEEK 6

17 – 23 NOVEMBER

Tuesday Talks: Cyber security – why it should concern all of us

Tuesday 19 November

18:20 – 21:00, Dining Hall

Professor Sadie Creese is Professor of Cyber Security in the Department of Computer Science here in Oxford and the founding Director of the Global Cyber Security Capacity Centre at the Oxford Martin School. She conducts research into what constitutes national cybersecurity capacity, working with countries and international organisations around the world. In her talk, she will explain how cyber threats may be identified, how we can understand cyber harm and how it emerges for users, all the way from single organisations to whole nations. Finally, she will outline how resilience strategies may best be developed.

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Formal Hall

Thursday 21 November

19:00 – 21:00

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WEEK 7

24 – 30 NOVEMBER

Reuben Explores: Promoting Mental Health



Monday 25 November

17:30 – 18:30, First Floor Common Room

When things are stressful with your studies, and the wider world is full of bleak news outside your control, it's vital to look after yourself. Join Senior Tutor [Caroline Mawson](#) and Welfare Dean [Kirren Mahmood](#) to get practical advice, signposts to resources, and support on how to take care of yourself during stressful times. We will finish promptly at 18:30 to allow attendees to go to dinner.

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Tuesday Talks: Science in the Media isn't Just Space and Dinosaurs

Tuesday 26 November

18:20–21:00

Dining Hall

[Fiona Fox](#), Chief Executive of the Science Media Centre, will highlight the 'hard news' side of science communication. Beyond the awe and wonder of science, and the quirky, fun stories that feature at the end of the news, lie the many controversial stories in the headlines like COVID, climate change, vaccines, assisted dying, and AI. It's more important than ever that scientists are prepared to engage with journalists. Fiona will reflect on how this side of science communication has progressed over her 22 years in the field.

[Book here](#)

Formal Hall: Thanksgiving

Thursday 28 November

19:00–21:00

Dining Hall

Thanksgiving is a non-religious day of thanks in American culture. Come and celebrate what you are thankful for as you sit around the table with friends and family for a traditional Thanksgiving dinner. We encourage wearing fall colours such as oranges, reds and yellows.

[Book here](#)



WEEK 8

1-7 DECEMBER

Tuesday Talks: Interdisciplinary teamwork to design new materials to heal the body & detect diseases earlier

Tuesday 3 December

18:20 - 21:00, Dining Hall

Join us for an exploration of how interdisciplinary innovation is transforming healthcare. By blending expertise in bioengineering, chemistry, biomedicine, and data science, the Stevens Group is pushing the boundaries of biomaterials. Hear from [Professor Dame Molly Stevens](#) about how they are designing soft robotics for precision drug delivery, bioinstructive materials that promote tissue regeneration, and AI-powered diagnostics with unprecedented sensitivity. This exciting fusion of fields is paving the way for personalized, accessible, and cost-effective healthcare solutions that could transform medicine and the way we think about the democratisation of healthcare.

[Book here](#)

Family Christmas celebration

Wednesday 4 December

College Bar

Save the date for our family Christmas celebration - an event for the children of Reuben students. Timings and further details TBC.

Formal Hall: Christmas Dinner

Thursday 5 December

19:00-21:00

Dining Hall

Celebrate the end of Michaelmas Term with friends and colleagues over a beautifully prepared festive meal.

[Book here](#)

VACATION EVENTS

Carol Service



Sunday 8 December

18:00 - 19:30

University Church of St Mary the Virgin

Join us for a traditional English carol service at the University Church with the graduate community. All College members and guests, of all faiths or none, are welcome for a peaceful and meditative service.

Further details will be shared in our College newsletter.

International Film Night: Tokyo Story

Wednesday 11 December



From 19:00 in the bar. Look out for details in our weekly College newsletter.

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**Should you have any questions about the Termcard
or upcoming events in Michaelmas Term 2024,
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