

Reuben College Termcard Hilary Term 2024

Welcome to the Reuben College Hilary Term (HT) 2024 Termcard!

This is your handbook for events organised by the staff and Fellows of Reuben College. The graduate community organises separate social events (which will be advertised separately). Please note:

- All events can now be booked in advance for Hilary Term 2024.
- Reuben members are able to bring up to two guests to each Dining with Dinosaurs, Formal Hall or College Supper event. Please note that there will be a charge for guest tickets.
- For **Reuben Explores** you are asked to register to attend via Microsoft Forms using the links below by 9am on the Friday prior to each event.
- For **Dining with Dinosaurs**, you'll need to book (and pay for guests) via University Online Stores by 9am on the Friday prior to each event. See the [Terms & Conditions for Dining with Dinosaurs here](#).
- For **Formal Halls** and **College Suppers** 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, and any changes will be communicated in the weekly newsletter.



WEEK 1

14 – 20 JANUARY

Reuben Explores: More productive study and research: Tools and strategies (with AI)

Monday 15 January

18:00, First Floor Common Room

Find out how easily accessible technologies can help you be more productive in your study or research. Dominik Lukeš (Assistive Technology Officer, Centre for Teaching & Learning) will share tools, tips, and strategies helpful for anyone who feels they are struggling to keep up with all their reading or find it hard to produce academic writing on time. Learn about integrating AI tools into your workflow, improving reading speed, new notetaking tools and more. [Book here](#)

Dining with Dinosaurs: AI in Healthcare

Tuesday 16 January

18:20 – 21:00

Dining Hall

The first Dining with Dinosaurs talk in Michaelmas term ended with the prediction that foundational models would revolutionize the application of AI in many fields, including healthcare.

Reuben College Fellow Professor David Clifton, who is a world-leading expert on these models, will review recent developments and explain how their use can improve healthcare, both in high-income nations and low- and middle-income settings. [Book here](#)

College Supper: Harvest Festivals of India

Thursday 18 January

19:00 – 21:00

Dining Hall

Harvest festivals are celebrated across India throughout January. They offer an opportunity to express gratitude towards nature and the abundance of food it provides. Guests will enjoy popular activities such as tug-of-war, and a special edition of “Lohri bonfire” and “Jallikattu”.

Dress code: Yellow, or traditional wear from your country!

[Book here](#)

WEEK 2

21 – 27 JANUARY

Dining with Dinosaurs: Earthquake hazards and risk in the continental interiors

Tuesday 23 January

18:20 – 21:00, Dining Hall

Recent devastating events in Türkiye, Morocco, and Afghanistan have shown the capacity for earthquakes to cause widespread death and destruction. Earthquakes alter landscapes, divide uplands from arid basins, and control the presence and flow of water. They provide opportunities for settlement, farming, and trade. At this seminar, Reuben Fellow and Professor of Tectonics [Richard Walker](#) will draw from historical records and contemporary research to explore the impact of repeated earthquakes on the growth of modern cities.

[Book here](#)

Formal Hall

Thursday 25 January

19:00 – 21:00

Dining Hall

Formal Hall (sometimes known as Guest Night at other colleges) offers a chance to get together with friends and colleagues to enjoy a beautifully prepared meal and get dressed up.

[Book here](#)



WEEK 3

28 JANUARY – 3 FEBRUARY

Reuben Explores: Strategy and Serendipity – How to engage with Policy

Monday 29 January

18:00, First Floor Common Room

In response to the Covid-19 pandemic, Oxford University mobilised teams of the best researchers from different academic disciplines, working together with decision-makers, practitioners, funders, private companies and publishers. We pushed the boundaries of traditional academic research to deliver excellent research to tackle a public health emergency, and did it fast. How can we do the same in response to the climate and environmental emergencies the world is facing?

In this interactive session, Reuben Fellow [Dr Anupama Sen](#) will explore the role of ‘policy impact’ in research, the tools researchers can use to translate research findings into policy impact, and the challenges of policy engagement. [Book here](#)

Dining with Dinosaurs

Innovation: A 4 piece puzzle

Tuesday 30 January

18:20 – 21:00

Dining Hall

Turning ideas and research findings into innovation and enterprise is not luck. The environment needs to be right, and there are certain key factors that are needed. Visiting Fellow [Sarah Haywood](#) will talk about her experiences within and outside the Oxfordshire innovation ecosystem, including London, drawing also on her work as a policy maker in UK Government. She will discuss how ideas, people, funding and place contribute to a successful environment and will help us to think about how Reuben College can be a successful place for innovation and entrepreneurship.

[Book here](#)

College Supper: Lunar New Year

Thursday 1 February

19:00 – 21:00

Dining Hall

Lunar New Year marks a time of change, good fortune, and new beginnings. Come along to celebrate with us over a meal, accompanied by some traditional activities such as Hongbao, Spring Festival couplets and upside-down “Fu”.

Dress code: red, gold, or traditional wear from your country is encouraged!

[Book here](#)

WEEK 4

4 – 10 FEBRUARY

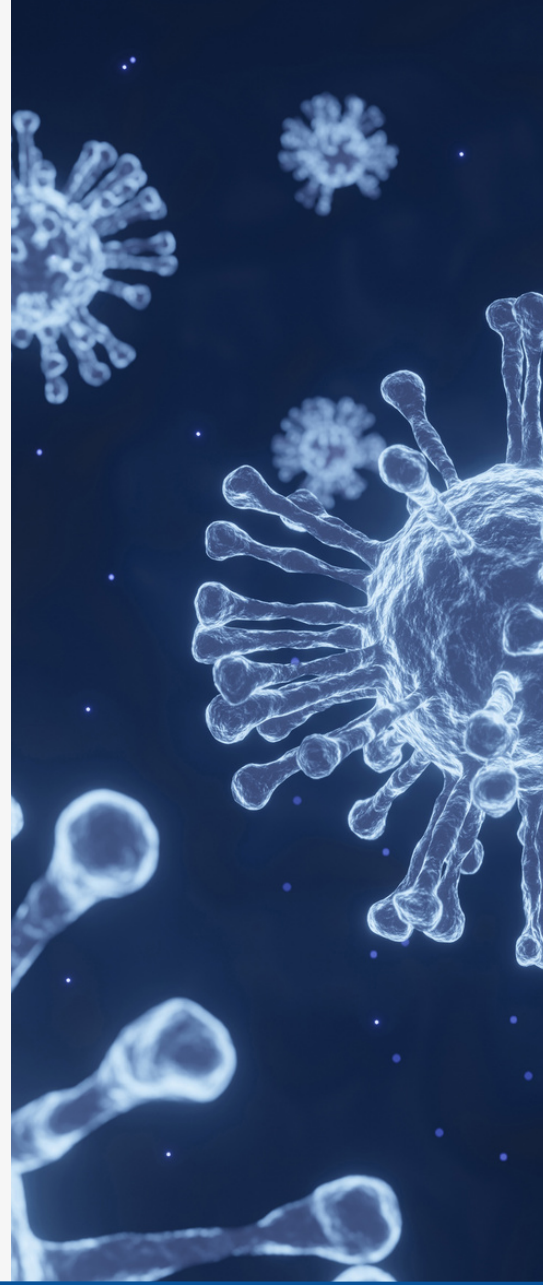
Dining with Dinosaurs: Insights on viruses with Sir Peter Ratcliffe

Tuesday 6 February

18:20 – 21:00, Dining Hall

In this talk, Nobel Prize winner [Sir Peter J. Ratcliffe](#) will share insights from his research in the field of medicine and biomedical science. In discussion with Reuben College Fellow [Jane McKeating](#), he will discuss the implications of oxygen-sensing pathways in defining virus tropism (the ability of viruses to infect cells).

Sir Peter and his team discovered the mechanisms by which human and animal cells sense oxygen and convert these signals to direct adaptive changes in gene expression. He was knighted for his services to medicine in 2014 and won the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine in 2019. [Book here](#)



Formal Hall

Thursday 8 February

19:00 – 21:00

Dining Hall

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WEEK 5

11 – 17 FEBRUARY

Reuben Explores: Environmental Change

Monday 12 February

18:00, First Floor Common Room

This session will provide an opportunity to explore one of Reuben's strategic areas – Environmental Change. This complex field requires an interdisciplinary approach bridging scientific, economic and social perspectives, which touch on Reuben's main research themes. Going beyond climate change discussion, a panel of three Reuben members from different research areas of the Environmental Change theme will provide insights into their fields of sustainable development and discuss the implications of COP28. [Book here](#)



Dining with Dinosaurs: Student takeover

Tuesday 13 February

18:20 – 21:00

Dining Hall

Join us to hear insights on Reuben student's research. Topics include:

- The fundamentals of genetics and epigenetics, elucidating their significance in cancer research.
- What philosophy research looks like
- The Nature of Video Games: What do they mean and why do they matter?
- Mastering the Multitask: Strategies for Effective Time Management Across Multiple Projects

[Book here](#)

College Supper: LGBTQ+ History Month



Thursday 15 February

18.30 – 21:00

Dining Hall

Join us for a beautiful evening that will mark LGBTQ+ History Month. We will start with prosecco and pronoun-making in the Reuben GCR from 6.30pm, before moving onto a lovely dinner in our dining hall. Dinner will be accompanied by music by queer artists and an (optional) table quiz on historical figures in LGBTQ+ history!

Dress code: Show your pride! We encourage colours, sparkles, and vibrant outfits!

[Book here](#)

WEEK 6

18 – 24 FEBRUARY

Dining with Dinosaurs: How close are we to detecting cancer from a drop of blood?

Tuesday 20 February

18:20 – 21:00, Dining Hall

Early detection of cancer is still considered the most promising way to reduce cancer mortality, but to date most tumours are still detected at a late stage. Large screening programs have had mixed success and come with a huge financial and logistical burden. Recently, a host of start-ups have appeared that promise to be able to detect cancer early from just a few drops of blood. Are they selling solid science or snake oil?

At this seminar, Reuben Fellow [Ben Schuster-Böckler](#) will give you an overview of the current state of research in this area, and discuss the opportunities and risks of rolling out "liquid biopsies" on a population scale.

[Book here](#)

Formal Hall

Thursday 22 February

19:00 – 21:00

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WEEK 7

25 FEBRUARY – 2 MARCH

Reuben Explores: Preparing for exams



Monday 26 February

18:00, First Floor Common Room

Exam season is upon us. Come and join [Kirren Mahmood](#) (Welfare Dean) and [Caroline Mawson](#) (Senior Tutor) for some practical tips and strategies for revising effectively, improving your exam preparation, and managing any nerves and stress. You will find out more about how to improve your study skills; time management; self-care and routine. It will hopefully give you a better understanding of how to perform well under pressure whilst looking after yourself and maintaining your wellbeing. [Book here](#)

Dining with Dinosaurs From clinical medicine to company founder

Tuesday 27 February

18:20–21:00

Dining Hall

[Dr Millicent Stone](#) is one of the leading rheumatologists in the UK and the Founder and CEO of [iOWNA](#), an award-winning company dedicated to helping people live longer and healthier lives through digital platforms that engage patients in a real-time, two-way information exchange with healthcare professionals.

In her talk, she will describe her entrepreneurial journey with iOWNA, the inspiration behind it, the vision for the company and the challenges which she faced. [Book here](#)

College Supper: Latin American & Caribbean Carnivals

Thursday 29 February

19:00–21:00

Dining Hall

Carnival is a festival celebrated by many countries in Latin America and the Caribbean throughout the year. They are a time for dancing, music, and fun! Join us for dinner, Carnival tunes, and dancing (featuring a performance by a local samba band!).

Dress code: Sparkles, feathers and bright colours, or traditional wear from your country is encouraged!

[Book here](#)

WEEK 8

3 – 9 MARCH

Dining with Dinosaurs: Maternal Request Caesarean Sections & Medical Necessity - An International Women's Day talk

Tuesday 5 March

18:20 – 21:00, Dining Hall

Join us for a talk from [Dr Rebecca Brown](#) (Oxford Uehiro Centre for Practical Ethics) exploring some of the ethical questions that arise during pregnancy and childbirth.

[Book here](#)



Formal Hall

Thursday 7 March

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WEEK 9

10 – 16 MARCH

Family event: Spring

Wednesday 13 March

Dining Hall

A termly event for partners and children of Reuben members.

Details coming soon!

