



GUIDANCE FOR FORMAL HALL



Formal Hall is a special occasion, and you must always have regard for your fellow diners and staff. The following must always be observed.

1. Gowns must always be worn by members of the College in Formal Hall.
2. You and your guests must arrive promptly before 7.30pm. Entry to Formal Hall will be refused if you are late.
3. Members of College staff will refuse admission to anyone who, in their opinion, is not in a fit state to participate in Formal Hall.
4. You have been asked to specify in advance, both for yourself and for your guests, any food allergies or other food restrictions. Dishes will have been prepared for you to take into account those restrictions, and when you are served during Formal Hall you must not ask for an alternative dish. Staff have been instructed to serve only the dish which has been prepared for you on the basis of the food restrictions you have previously specified.
5. Staff need to know that everyone has remained in their original seats so that the correct dishes can be served to those who have reported food allergies. Therefore, you must remain seated during Formal Hall and are not allowed to move round the Hall during dinner.
6. Table setting objects must not be removed from Hall without permission of the Staff Supervisor.
7. You can take photographs after the Fellows have left the Hall or after coffee has been served. If you choose to do so you are expected to respect the privacy of the other diners and the reputation of the College.
8. There must be no toasting, singing, or drinking games. The Hall is licensed premises and rowdiness and drinking games breach the terms of the College's alcohol licence.