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Michaelmas Term 2023: Termcard

Welcome to the Reuben College Michaelmas Term (MT) 2023 Termcard!

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

- For **Reuben Explores** you will need 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 will need to register your interest to attend via Microsoft Forms by 9am on the Friday prior to the event in order to attend (bookings will open 2 weeks ahead of each event). See the [Terms & Conditions for Dining with Dinosaurs here](#).
- For **Formal Halls** and **College Suppers** you'll need to book and pay via University Online Stores by 9am on the Friday prior to each event (bookings will open 2 weeks ahead of each event).

PLEASE NOTE THAT EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. ALL COLLEGE MEMBERS (STUDENTS, FELLOWS AND STAFF) WILL BE INFORMED IN THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF ANY CHANGES AND DETAILS ON HOW TO BOOK EVENTS.

WEEK 0

1-7 OCTOBER

New Student Drinks and Dinner (Group 1)

Wednesday 4 October

18:15 for drinks, 18:45 for dinner,
Museum of Natural History

Invites have been sent to join us at the Museum of Natural History for a drinks reception to meet your advisor and other members of the College community, followed by dinner.

New Student Drinks and Dinner (Group 2)

Thursday 5 October

18:15 for drinks, 18:45 for dinner,
Museum of Natural History

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WEEK 1

8-14 OCTOBER

Reuben Explores: Uncomfortable Oxford

Monday 9 October

18:00–20:00, Reuben Common Room

Through unique walking tours, Uncomfortable Oxford generate discussions about racial inequality, gender and class discrimination, and the legacies of empire. They are an academic-led organisation dedicated to raising awareness about the 'uncomfortable' aspects of history. Get to know more about the city (and about why Oxford is the way it is) on this evening walking tour.

Meet in the common room at 6:00 to walk over with us, or at Carfax Tower at 6:30 (please be prompt).

[REGISTER TO ATTEND HERE](#)

Dining with Dinosaurs
Everything you always wanted
to know about Chat-GPT (but
were afraid to ask)

Tuesday 10 October

18:20–21:00

Dining Hall

Reuben College President and theme lead for AI & Machine Learning, Professor Lionel Tarassenko, kicks off Reuben's inaugural Dining with Dinosaurs event at our new site.

College Supper:
Plant based menu

Thursday 12 October

19:00–21:00

Dining Hall

College Suppers are themed evenings held throughout each term, which provide a chance to get together with friends.

Members are welcome to invite guests.

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WEEK 2

15-21 OCTOBER

Reuben Explores: Designing Future Artefacts



Monday 16 October

18:00-19:30, Reuben Common Room

Join us for part one of a pair of interdisciplinary workshops exploring how immersive game worlds can help us address current and future challenges. This workshop is focused on designing and creating artefacts from the future. Activities will challenge ideas around dystopian futures, escapism, and dig into the everyday experiences in the future.

The workshop will be led by Reuben Fellow Saher Hasnain. All welcome. Drinks and nibbles will be provided.

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Dining with Dinosaurs: The Legacy of Henrietta Lacks

Tuesday 17 October

18:20-21:00, Dining Hall

This seminar is a chance to hear from Bristol-based artist Helen Wilson-Roe about the creation of her statue of Henrietta Lacks recently erected at the University of Bristol. Henrietta's statue is the first life-size bronze public statue of a Black woman made by a Black woman in the UK. Henrietta Lacks was an African-American mother of five, who died of cancer. Cells taken from her without her consent were cultured to create the famous HeLa immortalized cell line, the oldest and one of the most commonly used cell lines in scientific research.

Formal Hall

Thursday 19 October

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. Members are welcome to invite guests. *Please note that there is a fee to attend this event, and booking will therefore be through University Stores.*



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WEEK 3

22-28 OCTOBER

Reuben Explores: Gaming Futures

Monday 23 October

18:00-19:30, Reuben Common Room

Join us for part two of a pair of interdisciplinary workshops exploring how immersive game worlds can help us address current and future challenges. This workshop will develop immersive game worlds and explore the role of stories in exploring and planning for multiple futures. Activities will encourage an optimistic and action-oriented approach to dealing with complexity for big, real-world problems. The workshop will be led by Reuben Fellow Saher Hasnain. All welcome. Drinks and nibbles will be provided.

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Dining with Dinosaurs

Team Science - it takes a community

Tuesday 24 October

18:20-21:00

Dining Hall

A talk led by Mark Coles, which will look at big cellular life challenges and how these can only be solved through collaborative team work. This talk will explore some examples of this through drug development, understanding disease, developing vaccines etc.

College Supper: Halloween

Thursday 12 October

19:00-21:00

Dining Hall

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WEEK 4

29 OCTOBER – 4 NOVEMBER

Dining with Dinosaurs

What role does character play in leadership?

Tuesday 31 October

18:20–21:00, Dining Room

Good leadership is central to the flourishing of organisations, society, and the natural world. But what does good leadership look like in a world of complexity and uncertainty?

Ed Brooks directs the Oxford Character Project, which looks at this question and others around the human dynamics of leadership and the qualities of character that enable leaders to build trust, think with clarity, embrace diversity, empower others, and persevere through difficult times. At this session he will talk about that work and inspire us to think about the role character plays in our own leadership.

Formal Hall

Thursday 19 October

19:00–21:00, Dining Hall



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WEEK 5

5-11 NOVEMBER

Reuben Explores: Public Engagement with Research

Monday 6 November

18:20-19:30, Reuben Common Room

This is a chance to engage with another of Reuben's strategic areas, Public Engagement with Research (PER). Engaging society with research is an integral part of what it means to be an academic. Join us to learn about the mutual benefits for both the public and researchers and find out more about Reuben's exclusive PER Innovation Fund, which will support your own PER endeavours. Led by Reuben Fellow Janet Stott. All welcome. Drinks and nibbles will be provided.

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Dining with Dinosaurs Measuring health status using wearables

Tuesday 7 November

18:20-21:00

Dining Hall

Wearable sensors, such as wrist-worn activity trackers and electrocardiogram patches, offer the potential to continuously, noninvasively, and painlessly measure key aspects such as physical activity, sleep, atrial fibrillation, in peoples' everyday lives. They also have the potential to be inexpensively used to predict future disease risk. In this talk we will share information around the opportunities for wearable sensors to advance population health. Led by Reuben Fellows Aiden Doherty and Peter Chan.

College Supper: Bonfire Night

Thursday 9 November

19:00-21:00

Dining Hall

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WEEK 6

12-18 NOVEMBER

Reuben Explores: Applying for DPhil Study



Monday 13 November

18:00-19:30, Reuben Common Room

With the deadline for DPhil applications rapidly approaching, join Reuben's Vice-President Esther Becker and other Reuben Fellows for advice on your applications. Bring along your questions and be ready to make some notes. All welcome. Drinks and nibbles will be provided.

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Dining with Dinosaurs

Personal carbon allowances: an interactive debate

Tuesday 14 November

18:20-21:00, Dining Hall

Personal carbon allowances (PCA) is a challenging policy idea focusing on individuals and their role in reducing carbon emissions. Tina & colleagues will lead an interactive debate on whether this policy idea should or could be put into practice. Come ready for some interesting arguments. Led by Reuben Fellow Tina Fawcett and colleagues.

Formal Hall

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WEEK 7

19-25 NOVEMBER

Reuben Explores: Innovation and Entrepreneurship

Monday 20 November

18:00-19:30, Reuben Common Room

One of Reuben College's strategic areas is Innovation & Entrepreneurship (I&E). What does that mean, and how can you link your research with business opportunities? Reuben Fellow Stuart Wilkinson will talk about the activities and opportunities happening across the University. All welcome. Drinks and nibbles will be provided.

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Dining with Dinosaurs Student Take-over

Tuesday 21 November

18:20-21:00

Dining Hall

Come and hear presentations from Reuben students who have undertaken their own amazing Public Engagement with Research Projects over the last two years.



College Supper: Japanese menu

Thursday 23 November

19:00-21:00

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WEEK 8

26 NOVEMBER – 2 DECEMBER

Dining with Dinosaurs

Justice in War: Lessons from Ukraine

Tuesday 28 November

18:20–21:00, Dining Room

The last twenty years have seen a significant shift in philosophical work on the ethics of war. Many – perhaps a majority – of writers now reject what we can call the ‘traditional’ account of the ethics of war, which draws sharp distinctions between states and citizens, between soldiers and civilians, between the justness of the war and the permissibility of fighting it, and, more generally, between the ethics of war and the ethics of ordinary life. And yet the traditional view continues to dominate legal, political and public discourse about war.

In this talk, [Helen Frowe](#) suggests that the war in Ukraine throws the implausibility of this view into especially stark relief. Killing Ukrainian soldiers is as bad as killing Ukrainian civilians. Russian soldiers act wrongly in killing Ukrainian soldiers, even if they are following orders and those orders are legal. We do not need a special ‘ethics of war’ to reveal these truths. They are made apparent by the lights of our ordinary moral thinking.

Formal Hall

Thursday 30 November

19:00–21:00, Dining Hall

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Mince Pies at the Museum

Saturday 2 December

Venue TBC



Join our Fellows and colleagues from the Gardens, Libraries, and Museums (GLAM) and friends for a festive afternoon in one of Oxford's University's amazing museums! You will hear about opportunities for working with our collections, and how public engagement can benefit your own research. You will have access to an exclusive behind-the-scenes tour and then have an opportunity to create festive decorations inspired by the collection. There will of course be mince pies and seasonal drinks!



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WEEK 9

19-25 NOVEMBER

Reuben Explores: Self-Care and Supporting Others

Monday 4 December

18:00-19:30, Reuben 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 and those around you. Join Senior Tutor Caroline Mawson and Welfare Dean Kirren Mahmood to get practical advice on how to take care of yourself and others during stressful times. All welcome. Drinks and nibbles will be provided.

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Reuben College Celebration Dinner

Thursday 7 December

18:30-21:00

Museum of Natural History

End the term with a festive dinner with the Reuben community in the beautiful setting of the Museum of Natural History. Dress to impress!

At the end of each term, Reuben will hold a celebration dinner. All Reuben members are invited to attend one of these three dinners in 2023-24. Please note that those registered for this December dinner will be ineligible to attend the Hilary or Trinity meals. As this complimentary dinner is for Reuben members only, there will be no guest tickets.

Graduate Carol Service

Sunday 10 December

Time TBC

University Church



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.