

## **Guest Night Charges**

### Introduction

Guest nights have not operated in 2020/21 but a pricing structure was agreed in Trinity Term 2020 in the expectation that these events would operate and these prices are used as the basis for 2021/22 prices. For Students, there was no increase between 2019/20 and 2020/21.

It is assumed in this paper that Tuesday night guest nights move to being operated in the full hall instead of the Small Dining Room, but that the meal is slightly less formal. It is also assumed that Dessert is abolished.

Students	2020/21	2021/22
Tuesday	10.50	11.00
Thursday	12.60	13.00
Student Guest		
Tuesday	15.25	15.50
Thursday	17.50	18.00
Fellow & other guests		
Tuesday	21.74	22.50
Thursday	25.31	27.50

It should be noted that Reuben College will be charged the same rates for the equivalent categories of member at Thursday night prices.

### **Wine<sup>1</sup>**

College has evolved a complex charging system for wine, with caps for student members and their guests and unpredictable costs for Fellows. Wine supplied has always aimed for an average cost per drinker (by averaging across red/white bottles) of around about the price cap. Typically, lower priced wine has been supplied on a Tuesday, though this is becoming a little harder to sustain within the existing caps at the necessary level of quality.

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<sup>1</sup> All wine prices include VAT to all diners

College does not seek to make a profit from wine sales but, equally, legislation has become more restrictive about not subsidising alcohol sales. Any diner can, of course, opt out of wine and is not charged.

Following a review of processes, in anticipation of Reuben College having formal meals in College, it has been identified that simplification of wine charges would substantially reduce our admin burden, allowing more automation of charges and increase predictability for students and fellows. This is especially relevant as we will be hosting a significantly increased number of fellows from Reuben and Fellow wine prices have become quite erratic – largely based on the proportion of students and their guests, College guests and paying fellows on senior tables rather than necessarily variation in wine quality.

As at Michaelmas 2019, wine was charged at the lesser of actual cost or £6 (Thursday) and £4 (Tuesday) for students and their guests and the balance of the cost paid by the dining fellows. In practice the 'capped' rate was triggered more often than not.

It is proposed that the following fixed charges are adopted:

#### Tuesday

Students, JRFs and Guests - £5.00

Fellows and Guests - £7.00

#### Thursday (and Reuben)

Students, JRFs and Guests - £6.00

Fellows and Guests - £7.50

Should any special dinner, but where charges are levied, use superior wine then prices will be adjusted but clearly advertised at sign up – it is highly unlikely that this circumstance will arise as superior wine tends to be used for celebratory dinners which are not charged to attendees.