

# Reuben College Termcard

## Trinity Term 2024

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

- Reuben members are able to bring up to five 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 via Microsoft Forms using the links below by 9am on the Friday prior to each event. You are welcome to invite non-Reuben friends to these events - we just ask that you register them in advance.
- 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 [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. Any changes will be communicated in the College's weekly newsletter wherever possible.**



### Insights Festival 2024 - Saturday 29 June

Save the date for the [Reuben College Insights Festival](#) - a special event celebrating the culmination of the academic year and an opportunity to learn about the amazing work and research produced by the College's students and Fellows.

### Global Challenges Programme

A series of drop-in sessions with [Reuben College Global Challenges Programme](#) Director [Andrew Serazin](#) will be held in Trinity Term. Sessions will include: AI (17 April), Climate Change (1 May), and Pandemics (22 May). Look out for details in the weekly College newsletter.



# WEEK 1

21 – 27 APRIL

## Reuben Explores: Academic writing

### Monday 22 April

18:00, First Floor Common Room

This writing workshop with Andrew Mitchell (Oxford University Language Centre), will cover text cohesion, paragraphing, the flow of ideas, and writing effective introductions and conclusions. This workshop is highly recommended, with very positive feedback received over the last two years. [Book here](#)



## Dining with Dinosaurs: Building interdisciplinary collaborations through negotiation, clarity & trust

### Tuesday 23 April

18:20 – 21:00

Dining Hall

[Blanca Rodriguez](#) is Professor of Computational Medicine and Head of the Computational Biology and Health Informatics Theme, Department of Computer Science, Oxford. Her team has contributed pioneering case studies for Digital Twins in precision medicine, and for In Silico Trials for therapy testing. She is passionate about multidisciplinary research and, in her talk, will address the following questions, with illustrations from case studies: How do we build trust for interdisciplinary collaboration?, What are its challenges and how do we overcome them?

[Book here](#)

## College Supper: Eid Festival

### Thursday 25 April

19:00 – 21:00

Dining Hall

Eid is a joyous Islamic holiday marking the end of Ramadan, a month of fasting and spiritual reflection. It's a time to gather with family and friends, and share in festive meals. Eid embodies themes of gratitude, compassion, and unity; join us for a delightful dinner and celebration. Eid Mubarak!

All Reuben members of any faith or none are warmly invited to this event.

[Book here](#)



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# WEEK 2

28 APRIL – 4 MAY

## Dining with Dinosaurs: African futures & global futures – The key role of equitable partnerships in science & innovation

**Tuesday 30 April**

18:20 – 21:00, Dining Hall

Prof. Kevin Marsh is a malariologist and global health researcher who has spent over 30 years living and working in Africa. In this talk, he will explain how what happens on the African continent over the next 50 years will have a profound effect on the rest of the world. Reflecting on his work with the Africa Oxford Initiative, he will also explore how building global, equitable partnerships in science, technology, and innovation will be crucial to achieving the African Union's vision for 2063 for a future built on knowledge-based economies. [\*\*Book here\*\*](#)

## Formal Hall

**Thursday 2 May**

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\*\*](#)



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## WEEK 3

5 - 11 MAY

# Reuben Explores: Oxford reads Kafka

### Monday 6 May

18:00, First Floor Common Room

Franz Kafka died a hundred years ago this June. As part of the 'Oxford Reads Kafka' initiative to mark this centenary, students can pick up a copy of his most famous stories, *The Metamorphosis*, at the start of Trinity term (please help yourself to a free copy from the GCR bookshelf, or contact Marija Babic, Reuben College Librarian, who has extra copies). But who was Franz Kafka? Why should we still pay attention to his work today? Dr Ian Ellison will offer an introduction to *The Metamorphosis* and explore Kafka's life, work, and legacy today. [\*\*Book here\*\*](#)



## Dining with Dinosaurs: Disease Detectives: How do we solve the CLUedo of human disease?

### Tuesday 7 May

18:20 - 21:00

Dining Hall

The game of Cluedo (Clue if you are from the Americas) is a mystery game to identify who murdered (Ms White?), where (in the Ratcliffe Science Library?) and how (Pool Cue?) - it is a fun group game but links to how we think about disease, is it Prof. Plum (or Coles)?

In this talk Professor Mark Coles will explore how technical revolutions are making the aspiration of "managing all diseases by the end of this century" a potential reality using the approach of "Cluedo" by identifying which cell, in which location, by what mechanism, drives disease pathology.

[\*\*Book here\*\*](#)

## College Supper: May Day

### Thursday 9 May

19:00 - 21:00

Dining Hall

May Day is a historic holiday with particular significance in Oxford lore. Originating as a spring festival, it has evolved into a day of commemoration for workers' rights. Additionally, May Day is celebrated in many cultures with traditional festivities such as maypole dancing, flower crowning, and community gatherings, symbolising the arrival of spring and the renewal of life.

Join us for a May Day celebration at Reuben College!

[\*\*Book here\*\*](#)



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## WEEK 4

12 - 18 MAY

### Dining with Dinosaurs:

## Beyond Town and Gown: Transforming the University's Relationship with the Oxford(shire) Community

**Tuesday 14 May**

18:20 - 21:00

Dining Hall

For the past year, Prof. Alexander Betts has been working closely with the Vice-Chancellor as the University's Local and Global Engagement Officer. In this talk, he will speak about the University's approach to strengthening its relationship with the city, the county, and communities, and discuss insights from a series of pilot projects - aimed at addressing inequalities, expanding opportunities for young people, and supporting local government.

[Book here](#)

### Formal Hall

**Thursday 16 May**

19:00 - 21:00

Dining Hall

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# WEEK 5

19 – 25 MAY

## Reuben Explores: There's always more to do...! Overcoming self-criticism & unforgiving expectations

### Monday 20 May

18:00, First Floor Common Room

This session will be led by guest speaker [Dr Henry Majeed](#), founder of [MyMynd](#) (an award-winning platform tackling the challenges of mental health and wellbeing, with leading organisations). Henry is a neuroscientist by training and formerly a Visiting Fellow of the Skoll Centre for Social Entrepreneurship at the Saïd Business School, where he contributes to programmes on strategy & innovation, leadership and resilience.

The session will help build greater awareness of self-critical thoughts and how these can impact how we feel about ourselves, our relationships and our work. It will apply practical tools that explore common 'thinking-traps', and understand how we can reframe these to unlock personal growth.

This event has been organised by Official Fellows [Dr Anupama Sen](#) (Environmental Change) and [Dr Peter Drobac](#) (Innovation and Entrepreneurship). [Book here](#)

## Dining with Dinosaurs: Student takeover

### Tuesday 21 May

18:20 – 21:00

Dining Hall

Join us for a series of short presentations from Reuben students.

Details coming soon.

[Book here](#)

## College Supper: Africa Day

### Thursday 23 May

18.30 – 21:00

Dining Hall

Africa Day commemorates the founding of the African Union and celebrates the diverse cultures, heritage, and achievements of the African continent. Africa Day is a reminder of the shared bonds that unite African nations and the collective efforts needed to realise a brighter future for all Africans. Join Reuben College in celebration! [Book here](#)

# WEEK 6

26 MAY - 1 JUNE

## Dining with Dinosaurs: Oxfordshire leading the way - The Low Carbon Hub & the growth of community energy in the UK

### Tuesday 28 May

18:20 - 21:00, Dining Hall

Dr Barbara Hammond MBE is Chief Executive of the Low Carbon Hub IPS Ltd, a community energy business that she founded in 2011 and has now grown to a position where it owns £25m of renewable energy projects, and works with 46 community energy groups throughout Oxfordshire. It can take its part in nationally significant innovation projects, such as Project LEO, working out how to deliver the transition to a zero carbon energy system powered by renewables.

In this talk, she will reflect on that journey, and discuss how working at the community scale will be essential to the orderly transition to a zero carbon energy transition powered by renewable electricity.

[Book here](#)

## Formal Hall

### Thursday 30 May

19:00 - 21:00

Dining Hall

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**WEEK 7**

**2 - 8 JUNE**

## **Reuben Explores: Hidden Histories - City Tour**

### **Monday 3 June**

18:00, Meet inside Radcliffe Humanities Quarter, Woodstock Road, OX2 6GG

Unearth the stories of those who are often left out of traditional narratives of Oxford: Women, people of colour, and LGBTQIA+ individuals. This guided journey around Oxford will go back in time to highlight the many ways women have historically experienced the urban space and family life, uncover how masculinities have shaped and been shaped by the university, and discuss queer experiences in the city.

**[Book here](#)**

## **Dining with Dinosaurs: Womb transplantation - The frontiers of fertility restoration, surgery & innovation**

### **Tuesday 4 June**

18:20-21:00

Dining Hall

Join [Prof. Richard Smith](#) and [Miss Isabel Quiroga](#), pioneers of UK Uterine

Transplantation, as they take us through their groundbreaking 25-year journey to bring the hope of fertility to thousands of women. In 2023, they performed the country's first Womb transplant. Womb transplantation is a rapidly developing field where surgical ingenuity, innovative fertility and transplant science together with complex ethical challenges meet to deliver carefully considered yet transformative change. **[Book here](#)**

## **College Supper: Summer Solstice**

### **Thursday 6 June**

19:00-21:00

Dining Hall

The summer solstice occurs this year on the 20 June. Traditionally, this festival is celebrated by singing songs, lighting a fire, and jumping over the flames one-by-one.

Join Reuben College in our own celebration on the 6 June!

**[Book here](#)**



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# WEEK 8

9 – 15 MARCH

## Dining with Dinosaurs: Reimagining History - Architectural Transformation into Reuben College

**Tuesday 11 June**

18:20 – 21:00, Dining Hall

Join guest speaker [Christine Kwong](#) for an architectural talk on fjstudio's approach to adaptive re-use in the creation of Reuben College. Explore the significance of preserving heritage while transforming the historic buildings to meet the requirements of a contemporary college. Learn about the ambitious pursuit of decarbonisation within the constraints of the heritage fabric and the challenges of decontamination, all the while reflecting the college's ethos of innovation, sustainability and inclusivity, creating a harmonious blend of heritage and modernity.

[Book here](#)

## Formal Hall

**Thursday 13 June**

19:00–21:00

Dining Hall

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# REUBEN COLLEGE INSIGHTS FESTIVAL

**Saturday 29 June (timings TBC)**

Dining Hall

Save the date for our 2024 Reuben Insights Festival – a celebration of the amazing work and research produced by the College's students and Fellows.

Details will be shared in the College weekly newsletter and [online](#).

