THE WHITE BOOK
REGULATIONS (GENERAL)

REGULATION G11

College Hall

Dress

1. Any student of the College dining or attending a formal event in Hall shall normally wear a gown appropriate to their status, with other suitable formal dress, and shall otherwise be refused admittance.

2. Advance permission from the Dean is required for any person, or group of persons, who wish to wear fancy dress or other unusual clothing in the Hall. Advance permission from the Hall Manager is required for the use of balloons, confetti or table decorations.

Guests

3. A student may bring up to three adult (aged 18 or older) guests who are not members of the College to dine at a Formal Hall. Charges shall be added to the student’s College account. A guest from another college may, but need not, wear their College gown, and shall be encouraged to do so by the College host.

4. Students wishing to bring a younger guest, e.g., a sibling, must seek advance permission from the Domestic Bursar. The minimum age of minor guests being supervised by the student is 14, and consent of the individual’s parent or guardian may be required. Permission from the Domestic Bursar may be granted to siblings aged 12 or 13 if accompanied by their parent or legal guardian throughout the event.

5. The College reserves the right to require any guest, or any other person who is not a member of the College, to withdraw from the Hall for any reason, notwithstanding any payment he or she may have made to attend.

Conduct

6. Students and guests shall respect the College ethos for dining in Hall, and in particular shall:
   (a) respect the authority and any instructions of the presiding Fellow, whether expressed in person or conveyed to a student or guest by the Hall Manager or other member of staff;
   (b) behave with respect to all persons dining on High Table.

7. No student or guest shall sing, or present a speech, from the body of the Hall without the prior consent of the presiding Fellow. Consent for a chorus of ‘Happy Birthday’ may occasionally be permitted.
8. Mobile phones should not be used during dinner, other than for taking photographs without the flash, and should not be placed on the table.

9. Students should not leave the Hall before the end of the meal, unless in the case of accessibility requirements or emergencies.

10. The following behaviour shall be unacceptable in all circumstances, and shall normally incur disciplinary penalties under Ordinance C,XIV and Regulation P9:
   (a) offensive language;
   (b) shouting and other forms of excessive noise;
   (c) throwing food, drink or place settings;
   (d) standing on or moving any seats, tables or other furniture;
   (e) wilful breakages and other damage;
   (f) rude, discourteous or inconsiderate behaviour to Fellows and guests of the College;
   (g) rude, discourteous or inconsiderate behaviour to College staff, in particular while staff are serving or clearing food or drink;
   (h) drunkenness or vomiting.

Alcohol

11. Students and their guests may bring their own wine and drinks, but not spirits, or may purchase wine from College staff at the Buttery. College staff shall have authority to limit the amount of alcohol purchased or brought in by any student, or guest, for the purposes of dining in Hall. Permission for students to bring their own wine and drinks may be granted or revoked at any time by the Dean in consultation with the Domestic Bursar and/or Head of Hospitality.

12. Any student or guest who is drunk, in the opinion of the Hall Manager or Duty Porter, shall not be permitted to attend dinner in Hall. Any person who becomes drunk during the course of a dinner shall be removed from the Hall.

13. No student shall engage in any form of ‘binge’ drinking or in any activity which encourages ‘binge’ drinking, such as multiple toasting, speed drinking or any drinking game such as ‘pennying’. Any person engaging in such activities shall be requested by the Hall Manager to leave the Hall.

Hall management

14. The Hall Manager and any member of Hall staff, or the Duty Porter, may take reasonable and appropriate action, within the scope of his or her duties, for the purposes of preventing or reducing misconduct, whether in breach of this Regulation or otherwise. In particular, a member of staff may terminate prematurely any private dinner or event, or any dinner or event held by a College club or society, either under the authority of any Fellow hosting a subject-related event or, in the absence of any such Fellow, as the most senior member of staff present.
15. In accordance with Statute B, VIII, 5(d) and Regulation G2, 2(d), students shall assist any member of staff taking action under paragraph [12], in particular when expressly requested to do so.

16. In accordance with Regulation G2, 4, a student shall, when reasonably requested to do so, identify himself or herself, or the name and college of any guest, to any College Officer or Fellow, or to any member of staff of the College. Failure to do so shall constitute a disciplinary offence.

17. Complaints of misconduct in the Hall shall be reported to the Dean for investigation. The names of guests may be passed by the Dean to the appropriate officer of the relevant college.

18. A set of Hall Rules, incorporating these Regulations and additional operational guidance, will be produced by the Dean in consultation with the Domestic Bursar and/or Head of Hospitality, and posted outside the College Hall.