CHRISTMAS 2019

Gonville & Caius UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE
Gonville & Caius is one of the oldest University of Cambridge colleges, originally founded by Edmund Gonville in 1348. Today, Caius prides itself on the reputation it has gained for its excellent food and service standards. Our chefs provide mouth-watering dishes which have satisfied even the most discerning food critics.

This year, for the first time, Caius will be hosting **Christmas Party Nights**! With several dates available, these evenings are open to smaller groups as joiner parties, alternatively book the full capacity for a private event. Party Nights will take place at our West Road site in our fixed marquee structure, Acropolis at Caius, just a 10-minute walk from the city centre.

If you would rather something a little more intimate, book a **private, candle-lit dinner** in one of our atmospheric panelled rooms in the impressive setting of Old Courts, conveniently located in the centre of Cambridge.

We also provide great value, **ensuite accommodation** at our West Road site during the Christmas vacation period, with discounts offered for group bookings. Bedrooms are available whether you hold an event with us, or if you just have your work party booked in Cambridge, so you don't even need to book a taxi for the end of the night!
**Party Nights**

7pm arrival  
Glass of sparkling wine per person  
Served in the Junior Common Room  
*Should you wish to arrive earlier, the bar will be open from 6.30pm*

7.30pm call for dinner  
Three course festive buffet served in Acropolis at Caius  
Followed by coffee and mince pies  
*Christmas crackers and party boxes are included*

9.30pm adjourn to the Junior Common Room  
Disco and fun photo booth with festive props  
*There will be a cash bar available for further drinks*

11.30pm carriages  
Complimentary double ensuite bedroom and parking for the party booker on the night.

£39.95 per person including VAT
Party Nights

**Starters**
- Bloody Mary prawn cocktail
- Avocado and green salad

**Duck liver pâté**
- Spiced apple chutney, toasted brioche

**Goats cheese and roasted beetroot tart**
- Pear and pine nut salad, balsamic dressing

**Main courses**
- Mushroom, cranberry and brie Wellington
  - Marsala wine cream sauce
- Salmon en croûte
  - Hollandaise sauce

**Traditional roast free-range turkey**
- Pigs in blankets, sage stuffing, cranberry sauce and thyme infused turkey jus

*All served with seasonal vegetables and roasted potatoes*
**Party Nights**

**Sweets**

**Chocolate délice**
Christmas spice poached pineapple and honeycomb

**Christmas pudding**
Vanilla and rum custard

**Lemon cheesecake**
Granola crumb, poached winter berries, satsuma sorbet

*Followed by*

**Coffee and mince pies**

Dishes may contain ingredients not listed in the descriptions. Should you have any allergen or dietary requirements please ask for our full allergen menu. Menu adjustments may be made to suit special dietary requirements.

Final numbers and special dietary information will be required no later than three weeks prior to the event.
We offer three private dining rooms, seating from 10 to 44 guests. These rooms are located in Old Courts in the heart of Cambridge, a stone's throw from Market Square, and available for a festive lunch or dinner. Please note, our latest dinner service time is 8pm.

**Our price includes:**
Candelabra with white candles
Christmas crackers
Printed menu cards with the College crest
Table linen and napkins
Waiter service

We regret that we cannot offer a choice menu for our Old Courts dining rooms; please choose one starter, one main course and one sweet in order to build a set menu which all of your guests will receive, unless they have any special dietary requirements which will be catered for as necessary.

Final numbers, menu details and special dietary information will be required no later than three weeks prior to the event.
Available from 7.30pm, the Lord Colyton Hall offers a touch of luxury and is the perfect location for pre-dinner drinks.

Located on the ground floor, the Junior Parlour is a light and elegant room, ideal for a small and intimate dinner. Seats up to 12.

The Senior Parlour, one of our most popular rooms, has a light and airy atmosphere and is beautifully decorated. Seats up to 30.

Striking and unique, the Fellows' Dining Room is based upon the Greek Temple of Apollo Epicurius. Seats up to 44.
Private Dining

Starters
Baked Portobello mushroom
Blue cheese and beetroot salad, pine nut dressing

Crayfish cocktail and Marie Rose sauce
Cheese straw

Duck liver and orange pâté
Red onion and nutmeg chutney

Homemade beetroot-cured gravadlax
Sweet dill dressing and caviar cucumber

Main courses
Baked salmon fillet
Fondant potato, braised chicory, spinach and caper sauce

Cinnamon and ginger roast leg of pork
Apple sauce, braised red cabbage and sage stuffing

Pumpkin and roasted shallot risotto
Radish, watercress and shaved pecorino

Roast sea bass and tomato fondue
Boulangerère potato, orange glazed fennel and vermouth sauce
Private Dining

Main courses continued...

Roast sirloin of beef
Roasted parsnips, swede layered potato, red wine jus

Traditional roast free-range Norfolk turkey
Roasted potatoes, seasonal vegetables, pigs in blankets, sage stuffing, cranberry sauce and thyme infused turkey jus

Sweets

Chocolate and orange mousse
Vanilla ice cream and cinnamon

Lemon cheesecake
Granola crumb, poached winter berries, satsuma sorbet

Spiced pear tart
Eggnog custard, blueberry puree

Traditional Christmas pudding
Orange and rum sauce, brandy butter

Followed by

Coffee and mince pies

£49.50 per person including VAT
Private Dining Extras

Why not add a **drinks reception**, allowing your guests time to catch-up before taking their seats for the meal? This is also particularly useful if everyone is arriving individually! Ask us for further information.

**Canapés** from £10.20 per person

**Sorbet course** £4.20 per person

**Petit fours** £4.80 per person

**Cheeseboard, including biscuits, grapes and celery** £10.74 per person

Include a bottle of **College Port** £22.50
Drinks Packages

For either the Party Nights or Private Dining, please pre-order drinks with your meal from the following options.

There will be a choice of wine packages, each including 6 bottles:

- **House selection** £96
- **Gold selection** £120
- **Platinum selection** £198

*Champagne and Prosecco will also be available for pre-order.*

*Further details to be released.*

- **House beer bucket** (10 bottles) £27
- **Premium beer bucket** (10 bottles) £36
- **J2O bucket** (10 mixed bottles) £24

**Mineral water bundle** (2 bottles each of still and sparkling) £13.50
Why not make a night of it and book a College bedroom for the night? Take advantage of our special rates for Party Night guests from just £45.60 per person! Book via our website using the promotional code: PTY19.

Our comfortable ensuite accommodation is located on our West Road site, approximately a 10-minute walk from Old Courts and Cambridge city centre. We have 174 bedrooms, with a mix of singles, doubles, twins and also include five purpose-designed accessible rooms.

The nightly rate includes a full English and continental buffet breakfast and WiFi, with tea and coffee making facilities and spa toiletries in the room.

**Double or twin ensuite** £91.20 per room, per night
**Single ensuite** £67.50 per room, per night

Check-in is from 2pm and check-out is by 10am.

Should you require it, secure luggage storage is available outside of these times via the West Road Porters’ Lodge.

Limited parking is available at a charge of £15 per night, please pre-book this via the Meeting & Events Office.
How to find us

Arriving by train

The railway station is located 1 mile south of the city centre. Buses and taxis are available directly outside of the station. Use either the Citi 1, Citi 3 or Citi 7 service to the city centre, or one of the blue U buses to West Road. If you choose a taxi, ensure to advise the driver of the site address and not just "Gonville & Caius College".

Arriving by car

Parking may be available for the event organiser only, and MUST be pre-booked through the Meetings & Events Office. We suggest guests find alternative parking in Cambridge or use the park and ride services. The nearest NCP car parks are Park Street and the Grand Arcade in the city centre.
FAQs

How do I book my Christmas party?
Please contact the Meetings & Events Office (01223 335440 or conference.office@cai.cam.ac.uk) who will be happy to take your details and make a provisional booking for you.

Can I cancel or reduce my table number if necessary?
*Party Nights* - We require a £10 non-refundable deposit per person when you confirm your booking.

*Private Dining* - A deposit of 10% of the estimated total value will be required upon confirmation of your booking. For all festive bookings, we require the remaining balance to be settled three weeks prior, which is the cut-off point for any cancellations or amendments.

Will we have to share tables with other parties?
Tables sit between 8-10 guests, if your group exceeds the maximum number for a table we will split your group as evenly as possible and set the tables close together. Usually, you will not have to share with other parties, however, if your numbers result in there being lots of spare spaces at a table, we may combine your group with another.

Are there any age restrictions?
Party Nights are restricted to over 18's only, although families and over 16's are welcome for Private Dining.

What is the dress code?
There is no strict dress code for any event. Whilst we encourage smart and formal dress, “black tie” is not required unless you wish!
FAQs

Do you provide menu cards and place name cards?
Yes. To enable a smooth and efficient service we kindly request a table plan is provided for each booking. We will produce place cards and crested menu cards at no additional cost.

How will we know where our tables / dining room are?
Bespoke table plans and signage are provided for each event. This will be under the title or name you provide to us.

Am I allowed to start a bar tab?
We regret that we are unable to provide this facility.

Can I pre-order my drinks?
We encourage pre-orders to help the evening run smoothly. We will send a pre-order form to you prior to your event.

Am I allowed to bring my own alcohol?
For licensing reasons, guests must not, under any circumstances bring their own alcohol onto our premises.

Can guests smoke on College property?
Each site has designated smoking areas in which guests of the College are permitted to smoke. Guests are not permitted to smoke outside of these areas.

Are your dining rooms wheelchair accessible?
The West Road public areas are fully accessible with accessible bedrooms also available. The accessibility of the function rooms in Old Courts varies. Please notify your event manager of any special access requirements or ask if you would like further details.