



Downing College
Alumni Day & Association Dinner - Programme of Events

Saturday 25 September

12.00 Registration – The Grace Howard Room

Please collect your name badge from 12.00 onwards. [Downing College Alumni Association merchandise](#) will be on sale in The Grace Howard Room from 12.00.

To celebrate the [40th anniversary of the admission of the first women at Downing](#) in 1980, the College Archivist has collected the memories of more than fifty former students and Fellows from those important first few years. Thank you to all those who shared their memories and photographs of their time at Downing. Extracts from some of the interviews and questionnaires have been reproduced in the exhibition that will be on display in the Grace Howard Room.

12.00 – 13.00 Cafeteria Lunch, pay-as-you-dine – The Hall

Please note cash payments are no longer accepted in College. Credit/debit cards and Apple/Google Pay will be accepted.

13.30 – 14.00 & 14.30 – 15.00 Tour of Heong Gallery

Join curator Prerona Prasad for an in-depth look at [OF THE EARTH: Contemporary Ceramics and Glass from The Fitzwilliam Museum](#). (Limited to x20 people per tour)

The exhibition celebrates the natural materials and forms that inspire Britain's leading makers of ceramics and glass today. In addition to ceramics and glass, the exhibition includes British abstract paintings, inspired by landscapes, from the collection of Downing alumnus Sir Alan Bowness (Modern Languages, 1950).

The Heong Gallery will be open on Saturday and Sunday from 12.00 to 17.00, if you are unable to attend either of these tours.

14.30 – 15.15 Tours of the College Gardens, covering the history of the gardens, future plans and interesting trees and plants. One tour will be led by Jack Sharp, the Head Gardener, the other tour will be led by gardeners Craig and Lizzie. Meet in the Grace Howard Room. (Limited to x25 people per tour)

15:00 – 16.00 Afternoon Tea (complimentary) – The Grace Howard Room

16.00 – 17.00 "40 Years on: What has Downing meant to women?" Join the **Master, Dr Kate Panter** (1981, President of the Alumni Association), **Jenny Ulph** (College Archivist), **Caitlin Bones** (2018, MCR President) and the **Vice Master, Professor Zoe Barber**, for an engaging discussion on **40 Years of Women at Downing**. This event will take place from 16:00 to 17:00 in **The Howard Theatre** (and will be live streamed for those who cannot attend).

17.00 – 17.30 Downing College Alumni Association AGM – The Howard Theatre (this will be live streamed for those who cannot attend).

18.15 – 18.55 Choral Evensong with the Chapel Choir of Downing College – The College Chapel - guests attend in Black Tie, then go straight to the drinks reception.

19.00 – 19.30 Pre-dinner drinks reception – The Grace Howard Room

19.30 – 22.00 Dinner (dress code: **Black Tie**) – **The Hall**

22.00 Bar – The Howard Building Drawing Room

Sunday 26 September

08.00 – 09.30 Breakfast – The Hall

09.00 – 09.30 Holy Communion – The College Chapel