



Newnham College Kitchen Fixed Charge

The Kitchen Fixed Charge (KFC) is a fee that students living in Newnham College accommodation pay.

Under the Newnham KFC scheme, you choose one of 5 payment options, depending on what will be best value for you.

This document explains how to choose your KFC option. Alternatively, you can just go for the default.

What is the KFC?

Newnham students have the choice of cooking for themselves in student kitchens, eating in the Buttery, or eating at Formal Hall when available, along with other options.

The KFC covers the aspects of your College life that relate to food and cooking:

- Providing and maintaining student kitchens
- A contribution towards the running costs of the Buttery
- A contribution towards student formal dining events

Students use the College catering facilities in different ways, depending on what suits you, your studies and your friends.

What are the choices for food and cooking at Newnham?

The **Buttery** offers hot meals, a salad bar and sandwiches at lunch time and in the evening. The meals are good value, and there's a range of options including vegetarian and vegan food. This has the advantage that you'll get tasty, fresh food, and you don't need to do so much shopping and cooking for yourself. The Buttery team work hard to make sure there are plenty of healthy options, alongside the puddings and famous Fish Friday.

Newnham has exceptionally good **student kitchen facilities**, so our students do more cooking than at other Colleges. This has the advantage that you can cook and eat whatever you like, at a time that suits you. Most students do some of their own cooking, alongside eating elsewhere.

There are occasional special **Formal Halls** (formal dinners in College Hall) which everyone goes to, such as at your Matriculation and Graduation. There are also weekly Formal Halls which you can choose to go to – maybe to celebrate a birthday.

There's also the **Café-Bar**, where you can relax with coffee, cakes, sandwiches and so on.

Under the Newnham KFC scheme, you have five options as to how you choose to cover your catering costs, based on which you think will be the most appropriate option for you.

If you feel that you're going to use the Buttery rarely, you can choose to pay a higher KFC and have no commitment to spending in the Buttery.

If you feel you're going to use the Buttery a lot this year, you can choose to commit to spending more in the Buttery and pay a lower KFC.

If you feel that you are somewhere in between, you can choose to pay a medium amount for the KFC, and commit to spending a medium amount on food.

You choose your option at the beginning of the academic year, and are charged accordingly.

As a new student, you can change your KFC option until the end of October.

What is the Buttery Pre-paid Meal Plan (BPMP)?

The Buttery Pre-paid Meal Plan (BPMP) is an amount that you commit to spending in the Buttery each academic year.

For example, on option 2, for students who use the Buttery occasionally, you would pay for £100 of meals from the Buttery at the start of each term. If you actually spend less than this, you lose the unspent credit at the end of the year. If you spend more than this, you will be charged for the extra amount at the end of the year or at the end of the term in which your Buttery expenditure exceeds your total annual BPMP, whichever occurs first.

For postgraduate students, the BPMP credit will cover a twelve month period (running from 1 October to 30 September).

You will be able to view details of your remaining credit by logging in to a website from your mobile device or computer. (We'd hoped for a Buttery app but it is not currently available from our software provider.)

In detail

If, as a postgraduate student, you choose Option 2 (an annual BPMP of £300), you will be billed the £100 termly BPMP on your Michaelmas bill. You will be billed another £100 BPMP on your Lent bill, and a final bill of £100 BPMP on your Easter bill. Any remaining BPMP credit expires on 30 September. Your BPMP can be used for any Buttery item, including milk, sandwiches etc.

Can I carry my credit on from year to year?

Postgraduate students can carry their credit on from term to term within the same academic year, but not from year to year.

What are the different options?

Options are as follows for students living in Newnham College accommodation:

<i>Option 1 – for people who use the Buttery very little or who are unable to use the Buttery</i>	
Annual KFC	£450 (£150 per term)
Annual BPMP	£0
<i>Option 2 – for people who use the Buttery occasionally</i>	
Annual KFC	£375 (£125 per term)
Annual BPMP	£300 (£100 per term) This would cover around 2-3 meals a week in a 10 week term.
<i>Option 3 – for people who use the Buttery regularly</i>	
Annual KFC	£300 (£100 per term)
Annual BPMP	£450 (£150 per term) This would cover around 3 to 4 meals a week in a 10 week term.
<i>Option 4 – for people who use the Buttery frequently</i>	
Annual KFC	£225 (£75 per term)
Annual BPMP	£600 (£200 per term) This would cover around 4 to 5 meals a week in a 10 week term.
<i>Option 5 – for people who use the Buttery on most days</i>	
Annual KFC	£150 (£50 per term)
Annual BPMP	£750 (£250 per term) This would cover around 6 meals a week in a 10 week term.

Grey boxes show the default option for postgraduate students. The average postgraduate student spend on a Buttery meal was £4.20 in 2018-19.

When do I pay my KFC?

You pay your termly KFC in your College bill at the start of each term.

How do I choose my KFC option?

If you're not sure what to choose, we recommend that you choose Option 1. As a new postgraduate student, you can change your KFC option until the end of October.

When you come to choose your option for the next year (if relevant), we will provide you with details of your historic spend in the Buttery.

In September you will receive a communication to choose your KFC/BPMP option.