

# Newnham College

## Kitchen Fixed Charge / Buttery Pre-Paid Meal Plan

### Information for postgraduates

**This only applies to postgraduates who live in College accommodation.**

The Kitchen Fixed Charge (KFC) is a fee that Newnham students pay, alongside their rent, as part of being a member of the College.

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

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/BPMP option. Alternatively, you can just go for the default option.

#### **What is the Kitchen Fixed Charge (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 provides:

- a contribution towards the running costs of the Buttery; and
- 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 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 postgraduate students, the BPMP will cover a twelve-month period (running from 1 October to 30 September).

For example, with Option 2 (£258 per year) you pay at the start of each term for £86 of meals from the Buttery (this is equivalent to about 1-2 main meals a week over 3 months). If you actually spend less than (£258 across the whole year), 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 total Buttery expenditure exceeds your total annual BPMP, whichever occurs first.

You will be able to view details of your remaining credit by logging in to a website.

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*In detail*

If, as a postgraduate, you choose Option 2 (an annual BPMP of £258), you will be billed the £86 termly BPMP on your Michaelmas term bill. You will be billed another £86 BPMP on your Lent term bill, and a final bill of £86 BPMP on your Easter term bill (This is in addition to the KFC).

If you choose Option 2 (a termly BPMP of £86), and have spent less than £86 in the Buttery, your unspent BPMP will be carried forward to the Lent term (you would start Lent term with a BPMP balance greater than £86). If you have spent more than £86 (but less than your annual BPMP of £258), your BPMP balance at the start of Lent term will be reduced by this figure (you would start Lent term with a BPMP balance less than £86). If you have spent more than £258 (your annual BPMP), at the start of Lent term you will be billed for the difference between your total Buttery expenditure and £258 (you would start Lent term with a BPMP balance of £0).

Any remaining BPMP credit expires on 30 September.

Your BPMP can be used for any Buttery item, including pints of milk, sandwiches etc.

### **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 Buttery is open 6 days a week (Monday to Saturday). 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. Your BPMP is spent in the Buttery.

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

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

Newnham has good **student kitchen facilities**, so our students do plenty of cooking themselves. 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.

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 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.

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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 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. New postgraduates can change their KFC option until the end of October.

### What are the different options?

Options are as follows for students living in College accommodation:

<b>Option 1 – for people who do not intend to use the Buttery</b>	
Annual KFC	£387 (£129 per term)
Annual BPMP	£0
<b>Option 2 – for people who use the Buttery occasionally (default option)</b>	
Annual KFC	£321 (£107 per term)
Annual BPMP	£258 (£86 per term) This would cover around 1-2 meals a week over 3 months.
<b>Option 3 – for people who use the Buttery regularly</b>	
Annual KFC	£258 (£86 per term)
Annual BPMP	£387 (£129 per term) This would cover around 2-3 meals a week over 3 months.
<b>Option 4 – for people who use the Buttery frequently</b>	
Annual KFC	£192 (£64 per term)
Annual BPMP	£513 (£171 per term) This would cover around 3 meals a week over 3 months.
<b>Option 5 – for people who use the Buttery on most days</b>	
Annual	£129 (£43 per term)
Annual BPMP	£642 (£214 per term) This would cover around 3-4 meals a week over 3 months.

### How do I choose my KFC/BPMP option?

If you're not sure what to choose, we recommend that you choose Option 2. New postgraduates can change their KFC/BPMP 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.

### When do I pay my KFC/BPMP?

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