

Newnham College

Kitchen Fixed Charge / Buttery Pre-Paid Meal Plan

Information for undergraduates

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 term.

For example, with the default option (Option 2) you pay at the start of term for £100 of meals from the Buttery (this is equivalent to about 2-3 main meals a week over 10 weeks). If you actually spend less than this, you lose the unspent credit. If you spend more than this, you will be charged for the extra amount on your next term's bill.

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 an undergraduate, you choose the default Option 2 (an annual BPMP of £300), you will be billed the £100 termly BPMP on your Michaelmas term bill covering the period 1 October to 31 December. You will be billed another £100 BPMP on your Lent term bill covering the period 1 January to 31 March, and a final bill of £100 BPMP for 1 April to 30 June. If you spend less than £100 in the Buttery in any of these three-month periods, you will lose the unspent credit. If you spend more than £100 in any of these three-month periods, you will be charged for the excess over £100 on the next term's bill. 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 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 Halls** (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 exceptionally 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.

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 undergraduates can change their KFC/BPMP option until the end of October.

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What are the different options?

Options are as follows for students living in College accommodation:

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

How do I choose my KFC/BPMP option?

If you're not sure what to choose, we recommend that you choose Option 2. New undergraduates can change their KFC/BPMP option until the end of October.

This assumes you'll eat 2-3 meals a week in the Buttery, which our data shows is about average for undergraduates across all years. In your first year, you might want to choose to eat more meals in the Buttery, to make shopping and cooking easier.

When you come to choose your option for the next year, 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.