

CTS Termcard Lent 2026

Pubmoot

Week 0

21 January, 19:30, The Castle Inn

Ere the term begins in full, we'll meet for a casual chat in a pub. Everyone's welcome, even if you're not a regular attendee, and you can get food or drink if you'd like.

PowerPoint Evening

Week 1

28 January, 19:30, Castlereagh Room, St. John's College

For the first meeting of the term, we have a bring-and-share event, where anyone can present any kind of idea, with the aid of slideshows prepared in advance.

Time

Week 2

4 February, 19:30, Boys Smith Room, St. John's College

One of the greatest mysteries of existence, this week we will ponder the nature of Time itself. Tolkien's work is filled with it, taking place over millenia as it does, with many cosmological upheavals, immortal beings, and calendrical reforms.

Film Dubs

Week 3

11 February, 19:45, Castlereagh Room, St. John's College

As a bit of fun, but also perhaps culturally enlightening, we shall amuse ourselves with international versions of Tolkien film adaptations that have been dubbed into other languages.

Worldbuilding

Week 4

18 February, 19:30, Boys Smith Room, St. John's College

A hobby Tolkien practically invented, and a celebrated component of his work that has been repeatedly emulated in other works of fiction, let's explore what it means to *build a world*, and how Tolkien used it to give such depth to his writing.

Games Night

Week 5

25 February, 19:30, Castlereagh Room, St. John's College

Our society has a fun tradition of games, so come and join us in playing those both familiar and unfamiliar, like *Consequences*, *Taboo*, *Contact*, or *Tinúviel Pursuit*.

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Ecology of Middle Earth

Week 6 *4 March, 19:30, Boys Smith Room St. John's College*

Something hinted to in various interesting ways, this week we shall ponder the hidden environments of Tolkien's world and the ways it functions.

Eagle Debate: Greatest Controversy

Week 7 *11 March, 19:30, Arthur Quiller Couch Room, Old Divinity School (Corfield Court), St. John's College*

This term's Debate shall be on Debates themselves: rather than on the 'best' or 'greatest', we will be competing to find the most controversial person, place, or thing.

Storytelling & Poetry & AGM

Week 8 *18 March, 19:30, Boys Smith Room, St. John's College*

At the end of term we have our Annual General Meeting, our very own Council of Elrond, in which many important matters (though not world-ending hopefully) will be discussed and the new committee elected!

Other dates for your diary:

Annual Dinner

Week 7 *8 March, TBC*

About halfway through the academic year, we have our Annual Dinner, a fun evening at a fancy restaurant.

Varsity Quiz

Week 8 *21 February, University of Oxford*

The inter-university Quiz returns, this year hosted by Taruithorn, the Oxford Tolkien Society. Expect fun but fiendishly difficult questions. More information closer to the time.

CTS Read-along: The Lord of the Rings

Weekly *Tuesdays, 19:30, CTS Discord Server*

Join us as we continue our journey through The Lord of the Rings in our weekly online read-along!