

CTS Termcard Michaelmas 2025

Pubmoot

Week 0

8 October, 19:30, The Castle Inn

Get together at the Sign of the Castle Inn, and enjoy a chat as we get back into the coming academic year. Everybody welcome, even and especially if you haven't attended society meetings recently, or ever!

Fresher's Squash: Adaptations

Week 1

15 October, 19:30, Castlereagh Room, St. John's College

Every year someone has to explain that the Squash has no relation to the drink or the sport, and is instead to find out what the society is about—we welcome everybody regardless of your Tolkien knowledge! This year we have a theme to prompt our conversations: the many and various adaptations of Tolkien's work.

Who's the Hero?

Week 2

22 October, 19:30, Boys Smith Room, St. John's College

Hero is a word with many meanings: what makes someone a hero, and why? In many respects *The Lord of the Rings* has a traditional heroic journey, but in others it's a little less clear. Who even are the heroes in Tolkien's work? Let's discuss together.

The Role of Gardeners

Week 3

29 October, 19:30, Castlereagh Room, St. John's College

"...there must gardeners be in high honour." This humble profession is held with great regard in the works of Tolkien, so for this week's meeting we'll—*figuratively*—get our hands dirty in the soil and think about those who take care of nature.

What are the Themes?

Week 4

5 November, 19:30, Boys Smith Room, St. John's College

This week we'll discuss the themes, both major and minor, that one can pick up on in Tolkien's writings, everything from War to Nature, or Death to Travelling.

Games Night

Week 5

12 November, 19:30, Boys Smith Room, St. John's College

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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*.

Women of Middle Earth

Week 6 19 November, 19:30, Boys Smith Room, St. John's College

"Where's mama?" Despite the all-male Fellowship, the women of Middle-Earth are some of its most beloved characters. Tonight we'll give the queens and maidens the focus they deserve, and consider their role in the larger narrative.

Eagle Debate: The Best Artist

Week 7 26 November, 19:30, Boys Smith Room, St. John's College

Our termly Eagle Debate shall be to find the greatest painter, sculptor, or drawer of all Arda. Everyone can participate with their own candidate, and defend them from being thrown off the metaphorical Eagle by using their persuasive rhetoric. The last one standing shall be crowned the greatest!

Storytelling & Poetry

Week 8 3 December, 19:30, Boys Smith Room, St. John's College

J.R.R. Tolkien was a lover of fairy tales and poems, so its only right that we celebrate storytelling with our Storytelling & Poetry Night, where we bring and share our favorite verses, even from outside the Legendarium.

Other dates for your diary:

Foreyule Feast

Week 8 29 November, St. Luke's Church

To celebrate Bridgemas together, we have our annual Foreyule Feast together at the end of term. More information will be given closer to the date.

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!