

CTS Termcard Michaelmas 2024

Pubmoot

Week 0

9 October, 19.30, The Castle Inn (Castle Street)

Many a fine adventure has begun in a tavern, reuniting with old friends and meeting new faces. Come along to the Castle for a pint and friendly chatter, or lurk in a corner with your pipe until someone appears to vanish in plain sight...

Freshers' Squash

Week 1

16 October, 19.30, St John's College (Boys Smith Room)

Despite the name, the Freshers' Squash contains neither the drink, nor the sport. This is a meeting for you to see what CTS is about - everyone is welcome, ranging from those who've enjoyed adaptations of Tolkien's works to those who can recite *The Silmarillion* by heart (okay, this may be an exaggeration... or is it?). There will also be plenty of biscuits.

Villains in Middle-earth

Week 2

23 October, 19.30, online

Middle-earth is full of villainous beings, from the grandiose and megalomaniacal to the petty and conniving. This is your chance to talk about who's the biggest and baddest of all, or perhaps explain why [your favourite] actually did nothing wrong.

Hobbies and Games in Middle-earth

Week 3

30 October, 19.30, St John's College (Boys Smith Room)

Not every hobbit gets to go on an epic adventure across every realm, so what are they doing in between those seven meals? What games are they playing at those birthday parties? Elves must get bored at some point in their immortal lives and I'm sure that the Ringwraiths have the vocals to start a killer black metal band. Let's speculate on what hobbies and games the denizens of Middle-earth have to pass the time!

Espionage in Middle-earth

Week 4

6 November, 19.30, online

There are many feats of subterfuge in Middle-earth that are oft-overlooked amidst all the glorious battles and epic duels. This time, let's shine a light on those who choose to work in the shadows, winning kingdoms through their cunning.

Games Night

Week 5

13 November, 19.30, St John's College (Boys Smith Room)

Week 5 is never a happy time. Games Night, however, is a tremendously fun break from all the piled-up work! Join us for an evening of merriment and Tolkien nerdery in the form of consequences, trivia and Contact (a word-guessing game).

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Sports in Middle-earth

Week 6

20 November, 19.30, online

Golf was, of course, famously invented when Bullroarer Took decapitated the orc captain Golfimbul, sending his head flying into a rabbit-hole. What other sports would the hobbits play with the remains of their foes? Do the other races have sports of their own and what would their origins be? Let's look at what the jocks of Middle-earth would get up to.

Eagle Debate: Best Olympian (Ardalympics)

Week 7

27 November, 19.30, St John's College (Boys Smith Room)

An Eagle Debate is, in essence, a discussion where a contestant is voted out and metaphorically cast off the eagle each round. This time, with the Paris Olympics still fresh in our thoughts, let's decide who deserves the gold medal for the Best Olympian in Arda! Join in with someone in mind and defend their position on the podium, or just sit back and watch the competition.

Storytelling and Poetry

Week 8

4 December, 19.30, online

A great way to wrap up a term, Storytelling and Poetry is the time for you to share your favourite bits and pieces of Tolkien's works. This isn't restricted to Middle-earth, so feel free to show off the often-neglected content outside of the Legendarium!

Other dates for your diary:

Foreyule Feast

Week 8

Saturday 30 November, Ramsey Hall at St Luke's (time TBC)

Let the Bridgemas spirit fill the air! Come along to the Foreyule Feast for a roast dinner, mulled wine and merriment. More details and sign-up to be sent out closer to the date.

CTS Read-along

Weekly

Fridays, 19.30, Discord

Join us in the CTS Discord to rediscover why we got into all this in the first place! This term: we begin *Lord of the Rings* again, with a long-expected party...