

# Final Information for Downing May Ball Ticket Holders

Hello all DMB Ticket Holders!

We hope you're as excited for the Downing May Ball as we are!

Please see your [programme](#), [site plan](#), and [accessible programme](#) for tomorrow's Ball on the website here. We recommend that you read fully the programme and site plan in advance of your arrival.

You must bring your ticket with you so that it can be processed. Your ticket was emailed when you made and paid for your registration. It is a unique QR code that will be scanned and a wristband will be given to you.

Below are the entry times and queuing plans depending on ticket type:

## DINING:

- Queue at the Main Gate on Regent Street no earlier than 18:00.
- Processing & Admittance will begin at 18:15.
- You will be seated in the Dining Hall no later than 18:45 with your May Ball wristbands.
- These will grant you admittance into the Ball from the Dining Hall at the conclusion of the meal.
- Last Entry 18:30.

## VIP:

- Queue at the Main Gate on Regent Street no earlier than 19:00.
- Processing & Admittance will begin at 19:00.
- The VIP Reception will be split across the SCR and the Fellows' Garden, beginning from 19:30.
- At 20:30 the VIP Reception will end and you may use your wristbands to enter the Ball, from either the Fellows' Garden Entrance or through the Dining Hall via the SCR.
- Last Entry 19:30.

## QUEUE JUMP:

- Arrive at the Main Gate on Regent Street no earlier than 20:00.
- Processing will begin at 20:00.
- Admittance will begin at 20:30.
- Last Entry 22:30.

## STANDARD TICKETS:

- **Arrive at the Lensfield Road Gate** no earlier than 19:00. (We would prefer Guests to arrive from 19:30 where possible.) You will be clearly directed to the start of the Queue.
- Processing will begin at 19:30.
- Admittance will begin at 20:30.
- Last entry 22:30.

Please ensure that you bring a valid form of photo ID with you (Camcards not accepted.) Please have your ID ready when you're being processed so we can reduce processing times. You must arrive at the Ball with your Guests.

We recommend bringing a comfortable pair of shoes. We will have a cloakroom where bags with spare pairs of shoes etc. can be left, though of course we accept no liability for lost/stolen property.

Please ensure that your phone is fully charged upon arrival as we are using fully virtual programmes, and thus without access to your phone you will lose access to the programme. You will also have access to our web app, which features the same information along with live updates. The app will go live at 09:00 tomorrow and can be found here: [app.downingball.co.uk](http://app.downingball.co.uk)

We have a limited number of umbrellas, but advise you to bring a rain poncho/waterproof jacket with hood if you want to be absolutely sure you don't get rained on. (This can be left in the cloakroom if it ends up not being necessary!)

Once you have entered the Ball you will not be able to leave and re-enter, except by prior arrangement with the Committee.

You will be searched on arrival for contraband, including illegal substances, sharp objects etc. There will be an opportunity to surrender these before you are searched. If contraband is found on you after this amnesty opportunity, you will be denied entry to the Ball, and detained by our Security team until the authorities arrive. You will have the opportunity to ask to be searched by a team member of the same gender in order to make you more comfortable.

Please do not bring your own food or drinks into the Ball with you, except by prior arrangement with the Committee. There is all-inclusive food and drink (including non-alcoholic options) available inside the Ball, and we cannot accept liability for items that haven't been prepared by our approved vendors. Such items will be confiscated if they are found by our Security team on arrival.

If you are found to be engaging in lewd, dangerous, unsafe, or harmful behaviour the Committee reserves the right to have you removed.

By entering the Ball you acknowledge and accept there is a chance you may catch COVID or other communicable illnesses. We encourage you to take lateral flow tests before the Ball and NOT to attend if you test positive. Downing May Ball accepts no liability if you catch any illness at the event.

You also consent to being photographed and filmed both by our official Ball photographers and potentially also by other students in crowd scenes.

The Fireworks will happen (weather permitting) at 22:45. There may be a short period in which the Silent Disco and the Big Wheel are not operational so as to create a safe exclusion zone.

The Survivor's Photo will be taken in front of the chapel at 05:30. At this point guests will be asked to begin collecting belongings and leave the Ball. The last guest must have left the Ball by 06:00.

There is currently forecast to be some adverse weather during the day tomorrow. We anticipate that this will not impact the operations of our Ball in any way - if this changes I will let you know by email.

We hope you have a night to remember!

Best wishes,  
Samantha Creswick  
Downing May Ball President 2022

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