In total, we had 67 responses from students who joined the Meals in Advance Deal. This is an increase from last year where we only had 58 responses.

The Meals in Advance Deal is a range of packages that allows you to purchase your meals on a term-by-term basis. You can choose from four different packages, and you can eat your meals in a choice of four restaurants across campus.

**CHOOSING MEALS IN ADVANCE**

In this section, we asked students what influenced their decision to purchase one of our packages.

**Which Meals in Advance package did you purchase?**

- Both breakfasts and dinner: 26.9%
- Just dinner: 47.8%
- College night upgrade: 20.9%
- Just breakfast: 4.5%
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What is the main reason you chose Meals in Advance? (select all that apply)

- Help with budgeting
- Convenience
- Can't cook
- Contribution towards cost from parent(s) or guardian(s)
- Lack of catering facilities in block
- I didn't get my first choice in accommodation
- Social aspect
- Other

Where did you first hear about Meals in Advance?

- Word of mouth / recommendation from a friend: 19.4%
- Open day - post offer visit day talk: 9%
- Open day / post offer visit day accommodation stand: 4.5%
- Email: 11.9%
- Posters on campus: 10.4%
- University website: 44.8%
Was Catered Accommodation your first choice?

- Yes: 40.3%
- No: 59.7%
ABOUT YOU

In this section, we asked questions about the student and their overall opinion of their Meals in Advance experience.

Which restaurant did you visit most often?

- Piazza Restaurant (campus east) 34.3%
- Roger Kirk Centre Galleria (James college) 25.4%
- Vanbrugh Dining 23.9%
- Derwent Dining 16.4%

Which year are you currently in?

- 1st 73.1%
- 2nd 4.5%
- 3rd 13.4%
- 4th+ 9%
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**Would you recommend Meals in Advance to a first year student?**

- **Yes**: 94%
- **No**: 6%

**If you were applying for accommodation again now, would you choose a catered accommodation room?**

- **I would pick self-catered**: 23.9%
- **Yes**: 32.8%
- **I would pick self-catered and purchase meals in advance**: 43.3%
SERVICE

In this section, we asked respondents about the service in which they received during their time as in Meals in Advance.

Overall how satisfied are you with the following:

- Ease of initial payment into the scheme
- Speed of response to queries before signing up
- Speed of response to queries during

How satisfied are you with the following aspects of breakfast service?

- Quality of food
- Menu variety
- Size of portions
- Opening times
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How satisfied are you with the following aspects of dinner service?

- Quality of food
- Menu variety
- Size of portions
- Opening times

How satisfied are you with the overall service?

- Staff efficiency
- Speed of service
- Staff friendliness
- Cleanliness of facilities

Legend:
- Very satisfied
- Unsatisfied
- Satisfied
- Very unsatisfied
- Indifferent
Do you have any dietary requirements? (select all that apply)

- Vegetarian
- Vegan
- Halal
- Gluten free
- Dairy free
- None
- Other

If you have any specific dietary requirements, have we managed to meet your needs?

- Yes 76.9%
- No 23.1%

Do you have any further comments regarding the dietary requirements?

- Good options.
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Have you noticed any themed menus?
- Yes 83.6%
- No 16.4%

Do you have any further comments about the breakfast or dinner service?
- I was disappointed to learn that the baked beans are actually from the tin and reheated.
- More variety in the options please.
- Please bring back pulled pork tacos.

Are there any other aspects of your Catered Accommodation experience that you would like to comment on?
- Everyone is friendly and it is so convenient and good food!
- Food has got better every year! Would definitely recommend to any students on campus who want to save time and eat a variety of food each week.
- Information on the calories of a meal would be helpful. Furthermore, the option of switching between dinner and lunch would be convenient.
- Would be nice to get bigger portions if wanted (especially later on when most people have already eaten).