Take a seat...
An invitation to take a seat at Churchill College

For the first fifty years, the iconic architecture of Churchill College’s Dining Hall was complemented by the tables and chairs famously designed by distinguished furniture designer Robin Day (1915–2010).

Over the years the original dining room chairs withstood lots of wear and tear and, as they have failed, more chairs were made or repaired. However, the cost of a professional repair was almost half the cost of buying a new chair. The chairs soon became irreparable due to some of the details of the original design and materials used.

In short, the time came to invest in 350 new chairs for the Churchill Dining Hall, the largest hall of all the Cambridge Colleges.

In order to maintain the strong tradition of quality and contemporary design associated with Churchill College, we worked with the renowned British furniture designer and manufacturer, Luke Hughes (www.lukehughes.co.uk). He was commissioned to design a new chair, in homage to Robin Day’s original design, that complements the surroundings of Churchill’s Dining Hall, and most importantly provides a comfortable seat for diners over the next fifty years.

The new chairs arrived in Churchill in 2012 and have been a welcome addition to the fabric of the College.

You can ‘take a seat’ in the Churchill College Dining Hall by naming a chair. For a donation of £400, you can help the College fund the replacement of a chair and incorporate a dedication of your choice on an engraved brass disc 34 mm diameter on the back of the chair.

If you would like to participate in our ‘name a chair’ appeal, please complete the enclosed form and return it to the Development Office at Churchill College.
For further information about this appeal and ways you can give please call +44 (0)1223 336240 or email: development@chu.cam.ac.uk

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