



Friday 18th September 2026 Surrey Quays

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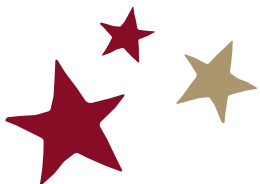
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Hello and welcome to The Pret Foundation Grand Auction!

There's something incredibly special about bringing together everyone who makes The Pret Foundation possible. Today is an opportunity to celebrate our amazing community of supporters who share our belief that everyone deserves the opportunity to reach their potential.

Together, we're looking ahead to what's next and raising vital funds to help create even more opportunities for people facing homelessness and other barriers to employment.



Welcome, and thank you for joining us for an incredible day in support of The Pret Foundation.

Following last year's celebration of our 30th anniversary, we've taken time to reflect on everything we've achieved over the past three decades and, just as importantly, where we want to go next. That thinking has shaped an ambitious new strategy, with an even greater focus on employability. We believe this is where we have the greatest opportunity to create lasting change, helping more people overcome barriers to work and build brighter futures.

Employment has the power to transform lives. It's about so much more than finding someone a job, it's about building confidence, restoring independence and helping people realise potential they may never have believed they had. Through working with Pret, we're determined to create more opportunities for people to build lasting careers and transform their futures.

The most rewarding part of our work is seeing that transformation happen every day. The relationships we build with our Rising Stars continually reminds us why this work matters, and I hope you'll take a few moments later in this programme to read the stories of Maria and Marcela. Their journeys are a powerful reminder of what can happen when someone is given an opportunity and someone believes in them.

Today's event is particularly exciting as, alongside our much-loved Grand Auction, we're introducing our very first Dragon Boat Race. Thank you to everyone who has helped make today possible. We're especially grateful to Carebook and FreedomPay for their generous sponsorship, to Britvic and Island Ice Teas for their support in bringing today's event to life with some donations, and to everyone who has donated fantastic auction prizes.

A special thank you also goes to JAB for their continued commitment to The Pret Foundation and for match-funding the funds raised through today's event. Their ongoing support is invaluable in helping us invest in programmes that change lives.

While we've made tremendous progress over the past 30 years, the need for our work remains as great as ever. Too many people continue to face homelessness and significant barriers to employment, often without the opportunity to realise their potential. Together, we can change that.

Thank you for being part of that journey. I hope you enjoy the day, cheer on our Dragon Boat teams and, of course, bid generously in the auction.

Thank you



Nina Allard
Head of The Pret Foundation



Thank you to our sponsors & supporters



Thank you to Gerard Loughran, and the team at one of Pret's longest serving franchise partners, Carebrook Partnership Ltd, for being the headline sponsor of today's event. Thank you also to Ben Eckley and everyone at FreedomPay for sponsoring the AV and Marquee equipment.

Thanks, must also go to Nick Hunter and team at Carlsberg Britvic, along with Lou Brocklehurst and team at Islands Chocolate for providing some much-needed refreshments today, enjoy!

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The Programme

Guests arrive from 3pm

Safety briefing

Dragon Boat Racing starts

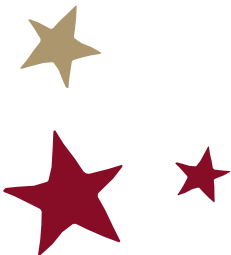
Speeches

Grand Auction

Boat Race Grand Final

BBQ served

Presentation Ceremony



The Pret Foundation Grand Auction



A Private Supper for 10 at the Home of Pret CEO Pano Christou, with a Bespoke Menu by Le Cordon Bleu-Trained Chef Vanessa Esteller Blanco

Step inside the beautiful home of our CEO for an unforgettable private supper club, where you and nine guests will enjoy an exclusive evening of exceptional food and warm hospitality.

Cooked by Le Cordon Bleu-trained chef, Vanessa, you'll be treated to a beautifully curated multi-course menu showcasing the finest seasonal ingredients, all prepared and served in an intimate setting. A truly one-of-a-kind experience, everything you need for a memorable evening is taken care of, leaving you free to relax, raise a glass, and enjoy great conversation with your guests. From exquisitely presented dishes to impeccable service, this is a rare opportunity to experience restaurant-quality dining in an elegant private home, creating memories long after the final course has been served.

Dates to be arranged. Please note that this is a set-menu experience, with the same carefully curated menu served to all guests. As all dishes are prepared in our home kitchen, we are unfortunately unable to accommodate dietary requirements, food allergies or menu substitutions. Allergens are present and handled on the premises and we cannot guarantee an allergen-free environment. We kindly ask guests to take this into consideration when bidding.

**Kindly donated by Pano
Christou and Vanessa
Esteller Blanco.**





An Exclusive VIP Emirates Dubai 7s Weekend Experience

Jet off to Dubai for an unforgettable long weekend, where luxury, world-class sport and vibrant nightlife come together in one incredible getaway.

Flying in Premium Economy from London or a UK airport, you'll enjoy a four-night stay for two at the stylish Marriott Marquis Hotel in Business Bay, perfectly placed to explore one of the world's most exciting cities. With full three-day weekend passes to the 2026 Emirates Dubai Rugby 7s, you'll experience every thrilling moment of the action, with exclusive access to the ELR Corporate Hospitality Zone throughout the weekend. Daily transport to and from the event is included, so all that's left to do is soak up the electric atmosphere, enjoy first-class hospitality, and make the most of an unforgettable trip to Dubai.

Kindly donated by Emirates Leisure Retail



Exclusive Hospitality for Two at England vs Croatia at Wembley

Experience matchday at Wembley like never before with a premium ticket package that puts you at the heart of the action in style.

From your reserved Level 2 seat behind the goal, you'll enjoy fantastic views of every unforgettable moment, while exclusive access to Wembley's newest premium lounge, Tap House Social, elevates the occasion from kick-off to final whistle. With a dedicated VIP entrance, you can arrive up to three hours before the match, relax at half-time, and continue the celebrations for an hour after full-time. Enjoy access to a selection of premium food and bar outlets throughout your visit, along with a matchday programme voucher, making this the ultimate way to experience the electric atmosphere of England's national stadium.

Kindly donated by Evolve



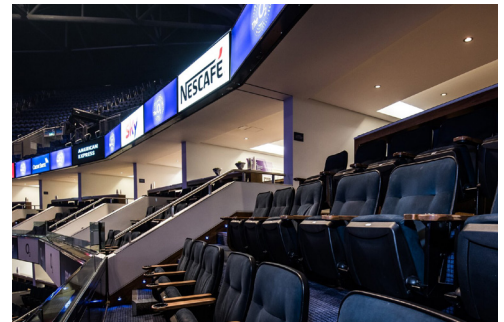


An Exclusive VIP Experience at The O2 for Two

Enjoy an unforgettable night of live entertainment at The O2 with two VIP tickets to the 2027 show of your choice.

Whether you're seeing a global music superstar, a world-class comedian or an unmissable live event, you'll experience it all from the exclusive Carlsberg Britvic Box, offering premium views and an elevated hospitality experience. With VIP access to the venue, you can skip the crowds and make the most of your evening from the moment you arrive. Simply choose your preferred show, let Carlsberg Britvic know at least two months in advance, and get ready for a truly memorable night at one of the world's most iconic entertainment venues, subject to availability.

Kindly donated by Carlsberg Britvic



An Overnight Escape to Cliveden

Indulge in a luxurious overnight escape at the magnificent Cliveden, with a delicious dinner, a stay in a beautiful Junior Suite and breakfast the following morning.

Set within 376 acres of spectacular Berkshire countryside, Cliveden is the perfect setting for a truly special midweek retreat, combining timeless elegance, beautiful surroundings and exceptional hospitality.

Valid from 17 September 2026 to 17 September 2027.
Midweek stay, subject to availability.

Kindly donated by Debevoise





Lot 6.

An Unforgettable Dining Experience for Two at Caractère

A truly unforgettable dining experience for two at Caractère, the Michelin-starred French restaurant in the heart of Notting Hill, run by Emily Roux and former Le Gavroche head chef Diego Ferrari. You'll enjoy an exquisite tasting menu, beginning with Champagne on arrival and followed by perfectly matched wines with each course, for an exceptional evening of food, wine and hospitality.

Kindly donated by Bridor



Lot 7.

Exclusive Laver Cup Hospitality Experience for Two

Enjoy an unforgettable afternoon of world-class tennis at The O2 with two premium hospitality tickets to the Laver Cup.

A renowned, global tennis event that brings together the sport's finest players in a unique team competition, creating an exciting and memorable experience both on and off the court. You'll have access to a premium hospitality space to relax and socialise with all-inclusive food and drinks prior to and during the session and a spectacular view of the action from some of the best seats in the house. Whether you're a passionate tennis fan or simply looking for a memorable day out, this is a fantastic opportunity to see elite players battle it out in an exhilarating team competition, all while enjoying the very best in matchday hospitality. Sit back, soak up the atmosphere and watch world-class tennis unfold in style.

Two premium hospitality tickets for the Laver Cup on the afternoon of Friday, 25 September 2026 at The O2 London. Over 18s only.

Kindly donated by JAB Holdings





Dinner with Pret Legends, Sinclair Beecham and Larry Billett

**Here's an opportunity for you and 3 guests
to join Pret co-founder Sinclair Beecham for
dinner, alongside Larry Billett.**

Join Pret co-founder Sinclair Beecham for dinner, alongside Larry Billett. Larry currently serves on the board of Pret A Manager as a Non-Executive Director and Chair of the Audit Committee. Prior to this he was Chairman from 2003-2011 leading the huge 2008 private equity sale and transforming Pret into the global success it is today. A true rare opportunity not to be missed.

Dinner for 4 people plus Sinclair & Larry, dates to be agreed.

Kindly donated by Sinclair Beecham and Larry Billett



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Rising Stars

Creating opportunities that change lives



At the heart of The Pret Foundation's work are the people we support. Every Rising Star journey is different, but each one shows what can happen when someone is given an opportunity, encouragement and the confidence to realise their potential.

Maria's journey: Finding confidence and unlocking potential

Since joining the Rising Stars programme, Maria's confidence and ambitions have grown significantly. The experience has helped her recognise her own strengths, embrace new opportunities and believe more strongly in what she can achieve.

One of the biggest changes Maria has experienced is her confidence. Working in a customer-facing role has helped her overcome fears about speaking up and sharing her opinions. *"A lot of fear comes from worrying about what other people might think if you share your opinion. But working in this role has helped me overcome that. Talking to customers every day and listening to them has given me a confidence boost and made me much more comfortable communicating with others."*

The skills Maria developed through the Rising Stars programme continue to support her beyond work, helping her with presentations and seminars as she studies towards becoming a medical engineer.

The programme has also helped Maria build independence and a sense of belonging. She has developed strong friendships with colleagues and gained confidence in supporting herself. *"When I realised I could finally afford to buy a phone myself, it was emotional."*

Today, Maria is looking ahead with ambition. She hopes to become a leader in medical engineering while continuing to grow within the Pret family. She also wants to use her own experience to help others see the opportunities available to them.



Marcela's journey: Rebuilding confidence and creating a future

Marcela came to the UK from Brazil alone, facing illness, housing instability and an uncertain future. After receiving vital medical and legal support, she still struggled to find work and rebuild her life.

Through The Pret Foundation's Rising Stars programme, everything began to change. With training, employment and ongoing support, Marcela started to regain stability, confidence and independence.

"I could pay my rent... it was unbelievable."

Although she began her journey feeling scared and unsure, the encouragement of her team helped her recognise her own strengths. Today, Marcela feels confident, supported and hopeful. She is working towards becoming a manager and building a future she once thought was out of reach.

"The programme made me feel strong. Like yes—I can do this."



**Today, thanks to donations like yours - we hope
to support even more people into employment
and out of homelessness, for good.**

Thank you for your generosity this afternoon.



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Every scratch card makes a difference. Just £30 could provide a uniform voucher for a Rising Star, helping them take the next step into work. Thank you for supporting us to break the cycle of homelessness.

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