



JCR General Meeting 1 - Minutes MT20, Sunday 18th October

General Announcements (Sanaa):

- A huge thank you to everyone for following regulations. Understands how difficult it is to readjust to the restrictions of the current situation – well done!
 - **Library helper scheme** – This is a voluntary scheme where you can help support both the library staff and the undergraduate community by delivering books to students in isolation. There are two shifts: 1-2pm or 6-7pm. Pick up the books from an allocated section of the library and drop them off outside the corresponding student's door. You will have to ask the Porters to activate your fob in order to enter other accommodation buildings. A sign-up sheet can be found on the JCR Facebook page or [here](#):
 - **Subject Drop in Sessions** – An opportunity for extra academic support. We will be using 'Gather' to allow students to give (virtual) advice and support to their subject peers. Hopefully, MCR students will also be participating. Students who have volunteered to help out will be contacted shortly. The current plan is to hold sessions on Wednesday afternoons – keep an eye out on email/Facebook for more information.
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Motion: Install a Swingball set in college

Proposed by: Kaleb Ells

Seconded by: Imogen Creavin

This JCR notes that:

Swingball would provide a quick and easy way for students to exercise, socialise and relax in their household as a break from work. Covid safety measures mean that students are more likely to be working in their rooms or at least on the college site for a greater period of time than without the pandemic. Easily obtained work breaks, particularly of a physically active kind are, therefore, very valuable at this time.

This JCR believes that:

St Anne's could purchase a Swingball set for use by students, as a break from work. Households could play together.
The main Swingball set could be kept outside, on the college grounds.
Bats and the ball could be collected from, and returned to, the JCR room.
Sanitizer could be provided, so that students can clean the bats before and after use.

This JCR therefore resolves to:

Purchase a Swingball set, including bats and balls, and arrange as outlined above.

Swingballers, begin!

PROPOSER (Maya on behalf of Kaleb):

- An effective and fun stress relief method
- Will provide a break from back to back virtual contact hours
- Insist on cleaning the bats/ ball before and after use
- Could make sanitization products (such as antibacterial wipes) available in the same location that the bats/ball are stored.

QUESTIONS:

1. Has the JCR looked into alternative activities or sports-based leisure?
 - a. This is not a single solution to the current shortage of COVID safe activities. Open to more suggestions. Please feel free to submit a new motion if you have any more ideas!
2. How much will the Swingball cost and what budget is this coming out of?
 - a. Price estimated at around £30-40. This could be taken from the Danson fund, or another alternative JCR budget.
3. Where will the Swingball be stored? The JCR office requires a key so you will have to ask the Porters for access. Could we use the Danson room instead?
 - a. The Danson room is currently closed. An arrangement can be made with the Porters to allow undergraduate access to the office. Alternatively, the Swingball equipment could be kept outside.
4. This motion specifies use within a single household. If we wore masks, thoroughly cleaned the bats between usages and made sure that participants can play 2m apart, could the Swingball be used as an inter-household activity for different bubbles to play together?
 - a. This is a possibility – a risk assessment will be discussed with John Banbrook.
5. Has there already been a similar risk assessment for bar games etc?
 - a. Yes, there is a risk assessment for the bar and pool room, but this is still an ongoing discussion. The JCR will be kept informed of all updates.

DEBATE:

- 1) Supporting the motion:

- a) Could be very beneficial for households of one, who's social opportunities are currently very limited. However, if only one household is allowed to play at a time, this game is no longer accessible to bubbles of one.

VOTE:

For: 25

Against: 1

The motion has passed.
