



## JCR General Meeting 8 - Minutes HT21, Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March

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### General Announcements (Sanaa):

- A reminder that on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March (8<sup>th</sup> Week), 5-6PM, college officials will be hosting an open forum (via MS Teams) to present an overview of their current plans for the Easter Vacation and Trinity Term, as well as answering some questions from the JCR.
    - Please pre-submit your questions to Sanaa
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**No motions were submitted this week :(**

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### JCR Executive Committee Hustings

#### Entz Reps:

- **Speech (Leila Symonds & Ben Evans)**
  - Fill your calendars with the events we missed this year
  - Plan events that allow people to see more of Oxford
  - Organize intercollegiate events
  - Some more specific ideas:
    - Formal after-parties
    - Outdoor cinemas
    - Silent discos
    - Events for religious celebrations
    - Rainbow Bop for LGBTQ+ month
  - Placing the emphasis on inclusivity, both within and outside college.
- **Speech (George Fitzmaurice & Lorenzo Harvey Allchurch)**
  - See video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F4T005akvuU&t=5s>
- **Questions:**
  - Will you let the former entz reps organize an event with you?
    - L&B: Yes
    - G&H: Yes
  - How will you increase interest in the bar?
    - L&B: Karaoke nights, quiz nights, and mocktail events/options for those who don't want to drink alcohol.
    - G&H: Recreating the bar game activities that were put on during Freshers' Week
  - How will you create non-alcoholic events that all can enjoy?

- L&B: Aims to make sure that all events are inclusive and fun, whether or not you drink alcohol, rather than isolating events for drinkers/non-drinkers. Also include events where drinking is not a key component, such as outdoor cinema screenings.
    - G&H: Organize non-alcoholic outings, for example paintballing.
  - In the unlikely event of another lockdown, what ideas do you have for virtual/remote activities?
    - L&B: If it wasn't a full lockdown, bringing back some of the Freshers' Week socially distanced activities would be fun, but making some small changes such as finding a way for students to talk to people outside their bubbles while remaining socially distanced and heiring out a outdoors venue away from college (e.g. a beer garden). If it were a full lock-down, could use Instagram polls (on their new Entz Instagram page) to see what virtual activities the JCR would be interested in.
    - G&H: Online drinking games, live-streamed musical performances. If we were in college (and it wasn't a full lock-down) would also reintroduce the Freshers' Week activities, but allow people to pick, choose and move between events more fluidly.
  - How will you make sure the events cater to, and include everyone's different music tastes?
    - L&B: Create a collaborative Spotify playlist that the whole JCR could add to. Will also use the Instagram page for suggestions and input.
    - G&B: Align the music with different bop themes.
- **Challenge (Caroline Green and James Cartledge)**
  - Make a quiz (about 20 questions each). Questions can be about your life, your time at St. Anne's, or anything you like – get creative! This quiz will take place during the Vac and will be a good chance to introduce yourself to the JCR. You are also tasked with getting people to show up.

### Welfare Reps:

- **Speech (Victoria Santana Santamaria & Proshanto Chanda)**
  - Push for welfare support visibility over the vacations.
    - This year has exposed how much some people struggle when they are back home.
  - Welfare walks with a buddy system:
    - To be launched during Fresher's Week and then, hopefully, continued into term.
  - Welfare study groups
    - To help form more of a community atmosphere
- **Questions:**
  - How will you look out for your own welfare while in this role?
    - Looking out for, and talking to each other regularly

- Have support options and people to talk to in other colleges, and outside the university.
  - How will you provide this welfare support over vacations? I.e., will this be the responsibility for the Welfare Deans or Peer Supporters?
    - Happy to run the welfare session themselves every other week during the vac.
    - The peer supports could help as well but this would be voluntary.
- **Challenge (set by Maya Walker & Robb Wilkins)**
  - Plan a welfare event which includes:
    - Spending money
    - Social distancing
    - A remote/virtual alternative
  - You do not have to actually do the event, only plan it.

#### Treasurer hustings:

- **Speech (Kane Moylett)**
  - Specialises in corporate law and therefore has business experience
  - Good with numbers and spreadsheets
  - Emphasis on allocating funds to where they will be needed most next year
    - E.g., redirecting more money to the Entz budget so they can put on bigger and more frequent events to make up for the restrictions this year
- **Questions:**
  - Your manifesto mentioned investing in bitcoin– was this a joke?
    - Yes.
- **Challenge (set by Dilan Tank)**
  - To be set by Dilan later.

#### Secretary hustings:

- **Speech (Abena Boatey)**
  - Already her mum's unofficial secretary
  - Wants to be an executive NSH officer, and therefore specialises in administrative duties
  - Newsletter ideas:
    - Adding a link to the St. Anne's TikTok page
    - Include images and graphics to make the events more eye-catching and memorable

- Introduce a feature which allows you to add events straight to your calendar
  - Has worked as a tutor and as a volunteer, and therefore has interpersonal skills and experience.
- **Speech (Faye Reader)**
  - Has gained communication and team-work skills from her time as a community court volunteer:
  - Always on the phone, so will reply quickly
  - Wants to create and send out a google form to collect feedback about the newsletter.
  - Will ensure that the agenda make the best, and most efficient, use of the committee's time.
  - Lots of experience with essay writing - this will transfer well to minute taking.
- **Questions:**
  - What will you do to make sure last-minute changes are communicated to those not on social media?
    - AB: Via email. We could also use sign-up sheets to contact people more directly.
    - FR: Prioritising emails about last-minutes event changes.
  - This year, it's being challenging to drum up enthusiasm for online events. How would you make sure these advertisements reach and appeal to more members of the JCR, especially freshers?
    - AB: Make sure all events are advertised on multiple platforms, making more use of the college TikTok and Instagram accounts. Will also add clipart to the newsletters to make the events look more appealing.
    - FR: Advertise events on several platforms and send out google forms to make sure that the events are ones that students would want to join in the first place.
- **Challenge (set by Rachel Stevenson)**
  - Take concise and stylish minutes of the Handforth parish Council Meetings (link to be provided) and post them to the JCR Facebook page by midnight, Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March.

### **Vice-President husting:**

- **Speech (Holly Boyle)**
  - Organized and very thorough. Will make sure that tasks get done.
  - Has never really experience the Danson Room and will subsequently provide a fresh perspective.
  - As a lover of the arts, Freshers' Week will include a lot of art-focused activities, such as musical performances and a miniature art exhibition.
  - Will help to rebuild a positive relationship with our college officials, post-pandemic

- **Questions:**
  - How will you increase participation in general meetings?
    - Put up a whiteboard in the Pidge Room (or the Porter's Lodged... Porter dependent) to announce and advertise general meeting times. Have motion suggestions/inspiration. Find a way to allow students to bring up concerns or ideas in meetings without the official, and sometimes intimidating, structure of motions
  
- **Challenge (set by Bilal Aly)**
  - 3 challenges, all to be posted on the JCR Facebook page by Wednesday:
    - Write a poem about your love for St. Anne's
    - Create a college drink with a non-alcoholic alternative
    - Design a new Stash item

### President husting:

- **Speech (Vivian Abrokwah)**
  - Current Freshers Rep, and therefor has experience with, and insight into, the workings of the JCR
  - Stresses the importance of facilitating constant contact between the JCR and college officials to ensure that our views are being represented.
  - Help build more of a community spirit across college
  - Improve inclusivity, e.g., through events which celebrate different cultures.
  - Making positive changes for the community outside of St. Anne's:
    - Fundraising for a different charity each term
    - Widening our access and outreach net.
  
- **Questions:**
  - Given that the majority of these candidates do the same subject, how will you make sure that people aren't put-off by this close-knit group and subsequently don't participate in general meetings?
    - Though most of us do the same subject, we are all individuals whose roles will necessary entail reaching out to and including more members of the JCR. Additionally, there are many more committee places to be filled next term (and they can't all lawyers). As much as we like each other, we also want to meet more people.
  - Less and less people are using Facebook. How will you get past this communications problem?
    - We need to diversify our social medias. The mainstream way of advertising events will change to Instagram, Tiktok and Snapchat.
  - As president, you are both the JCR's representative to college officials', and the college officials' representative to the JCR. How will you tread this line when there is disagreement between the two sides?

- It is important to maintain a balance between the two, but understands this this will be tricky at times. Will ensure that transitions and conversions will take place smoothly and that compromises are made on both sides.
  - How will you go about mitigating and responding to student dissatisfaction?
    - Currently, the disparity between colleges reactions to the pandemic are a large cause of confusion and frustration. Will resolve this by making sure that students understand that collegiate universities do not have a one-rule-fits-all approach across colleges. Will also make sure that college hears our voice, even when they can do nothing about it.
  - The JCR President sits on 6 different committees with weekly meetings (not including JCR committee/general meetings and Prescom). How will you manage your time effectively to make the most of your role, without compromising your degree?
    - This has been the case for every JCR President and therefore is not an impossible task. Time will be made by accurate scheduling and the delegation of tasks to other members of the JCR Committee.
  - **Challenge (set by Sanaa Mughal)**
    - To be President you have to be resourceful. Find out every current JCR President's favourite drink. Post your results by Tuesday midnight on the JCR Facebook page.
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