



St Anne's College
JCR Motions – General Meeting
Week 7, Michaelmas Term, 21st November 2021

Motion: Donating money to Oxford Pink Week 2022

Proposed by: Bethan Cornick

Seconded by: Ellen Jones

This JCR notes that:

- Breast cancer affects thousands of people every year of all genders, with 1 in 7 women and 1 in 870 men likely to be diagnosed with it in their lifetime.
- Pink Week, running in 3rd week Hilary 2022, is an Oxford University initiative which raises money for five breast cancer charities (Breast Cancer Now, Coppafeel!, Walk the Walk, Black Women Rising and the Teenage Cancer Trust).
- As well as fundraising, Pink Week raises awareness amongst the student body, e.g., through discussion panels and sharing information.
- Pink Week is aiming to raise as much money as possible but is entirely reliant on external funding to organize all its events and other initiatives.

This JCR believes that:

- Money raised for these charities will make a significant positive impact on the lives of those affected by breast cancer.
- Spreading awareness of breast cancer warning signs and symptoms is relevant to all JCR members and could help save lives.

This JCR therefore resolves to:

Contribute £200 from the JCR budget to Pink Week 2022 towards fundraising and events.

Further Comments from proposers:

- College rep asked us to submit the motion for this- we need a bit of funding to put the events on.

Is the funding for the charity or for the fundraising events?

- Would go towards the fundraising.

Would this then come from the charities budget?

- It's to a charitable cause and therefore would most likely be from that budget.

So, would the 200 then be used to make more money than that in the fundraiser?

- Yes.

Vote
For 25
Abstain 1
Against 0

Motion Passes

Hustings – Fresher’s Rep

Declan Kiely- DK

Simon Abehsera-Cohen- SA

Alfie Davis- AD

Why do you want to be fresher’s rep?

DK-

- Spent a lot of time representing young people- gives him skills and experience to do that here.
- Taken part in campaigns both in his school and nationally to make changes to improve lives of young people.
- School parliament- install water fountains to reduce amount of plastic waste.
- Someone who has experience like this is best placed to take the concerns of freshers and make change as a result.
- Wants to be as successful as possible- willing to speak to people, wants to set up an online system so people who want dedicated time to speak to a rep can make an appointment.
- Encourage participation in the JCR- there is no substitute for people coming to the JCR and speaking directly to students. Wants to produce a guide to give to this years and next years freshers, things such as applying for finance etc. so people can engage with the JCR.
- Helping to organise fresher’s week- is important that there is a good balance of events, students who don’t want to drink or go to louder events can still get the best of freshers’ week- these are students that we particularly want to reach out to as they may find it harder to settle in in this environment.

SA-

- Lots of experience managing groups of people. Ran prefect team. Ran the environmental impact committee, had the school change to a renewable energy supplier, just generally getting people involved in the school.
- Wants more provisions for people throughout the week, especially targeting minority groups, for example more specific groups within LGBTQ+ such as people of colour, women, generally want to make people feel comfortable.
- Act as a funnel for all of the freshers. Lots of experience with getting info to people quickly and efficiently.

- Ran charity organisation things such as mufti days, charity events, making events fun and getting people involved.
- Very open to the ideas of everyone in the year group- thinks it is important to listen to what everyone wants.
- Contact details will be available, wants people to feel that they can talk to them.

AD-

- Friendly, approachable, experience with groups of young people- student news organization runner, can manage groups of people and get on with different types of people.
- Prefect at school, had some ideas that could implement here- y12/13 Instagram page which communicated messages to students, currently everything here is done through the FB which not everybody our age uses. A new page that would be on a platform used by the freshers.
- Keeping fresher's up to date is important.
- Talking about how 1st year accommodation is managed- manage it by needs, for example how many people want to cook and can be sorted based on cooking space- pre-freshers survey that matches people based on interests and personality traits.
- Good range of events in freshers- café tours, meals, picnics, especially for certain minority groups e.g., LGBTQ+ so that they can feel part of a community as soon as possible, range of events for those who drink and those who don't.
- Wants to post email, number, snapchat, Instagram in all fresher's accommodation so people can contact.

How would you get target people who are less comfortable with going to events in freshers?

DK- important to promote events which are likely to be quieter- we had those events this year but was difficult to get info about these events in advance. Making sure the events receive equal promotion to all other events that take place- lots of effort put into things such as the club nights and making that successful but not everyone wants to do that. Promotion of the events is key- the events themselves will work, want to make sure they are well organized.

Would drinking events and non-drinking events be separated or mixed?

DK- Should be some events which are separate, for people who don't want to drink specifically. Movie night, potential for one at start and end of the week. If you can get people to come to a quieter, nondrinking event at the start might be easier to convince them at the end of the week.

What could you do for people who might miss fresher's week for whatever reason?

DK- this is a challenge. Would be good to continue to have events going on beyond fresher's week, but hard to organize at the same intensity. Things such as film nights could be put on beyond the start of term (maybe halfway through) that would probably be just for first years, to allow them to build connections with people they may not have.

SA- making sure that there are more weekly provisions for everyone and that there are lots of options. Non-drinking events might be better placed in the middle of the week is a good example- timing is important. Club nights could definitely be replicated at weekends. Also, an emphasis on inter-collegiate events. Having a bop with another college is great, but could also do a weekday film night, utilize the bar, to use student music, teas in STACS. Strategic placement of events for people who have missed freshers.

AD- making sure people know about the events that already exist and getting them to attend them. Important to allow events to carry on throughout the year as people become confident in the uni environment at separate times. Keep the events up regularly and ensure that people don't feel excluded.

How would ensure that the freshers integrate with all other years?

AD- setting out opportunities to meet people from other years- 2nd years and 3rd years can seem scary sometimes but encouraging them to meet one another would change that impression. Being that link between freshers and other years.

SC- Bringing people across year groups together through events like music in the bar, or dinners in the hall, could use a lot of different routes such as subject routes (like the college family system) could encourage lots of different connections across the year groups. If people are willing to have events in their own accommodation, important to get that around college,

DK- Music idea is great, part of a wider idea that we should connect people based on interests- think clubs and societies. Make them as well publicized and accessible to freshers as possible, as people from older years will be engaged with them. Freshers and other years will connect better when they share a common interest.

Husting's challenge- find out something (doesn't have to be an event) that would be beneficial to fresher's and create a plan to make this happen.

General announcements

- BOGOF box - donate food to the box, which will then go to food bank.
- American thanksgiving needs funding of £70- this will be agreed with the treasurer and approved.