



ST JOHN'S COLLEGE JUNIOR COMMON ROOM: TRINITY TERM 2017 BY-ELECTION
MANIFESTO BOOKLET

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Any questions regarding the administration of this election should be addressed to the Returning Officer at Daniel.mead@sjc.ox.ac.uk.



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ACADEMIC AFFAIRS OFFICER

Caitlin French



Hi, I'm Caitlin and I'm just finishing my first year studying Physics. You may know me from around college as I did rowing in Michaelmas, I play Ultimate Frisbee, and I'm the one who usually annoyingly takes the back-corner seat of the downstairs library. I have really enjoyed helping out with college events this year like being a Student Ambassador, Interview Helper, Telephone Campaign Caller, and soon-to-be Freshers' Helper. I think we can all agree Gareth did an amazing job as Academic Affairs Officer, and with organising the Academic Feedback sessions we all enjoyed in Hilary term. I would love to continue his work by organising study skills discussion sessions (with food!), by being approachable and willing to help out with any academic-related problems people may have, and committed to attending all the relevant meetings. I would love to have this opportunity to make a difference on the JCR committee.



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Greg Howgego



With the academic feedback portion of this role already filled, the remaining tasks: assisting with academic problems, representing JCR members to college authorities upon request, advertising careers advice, and organising well-fooded study sessions; seem to me to be very largely about helping ensure the welfare of JCR members, and this would be my primary motivation for running for the role.

I trained as a peer supporter at the first opportunity, and am also one of the JCR LGBTQ+ reps so I have experience of working in a support capacity and organising (food) events within the JCR.

I believe that in the pressured environment that is Oxford, there is an incredible need for academic support, and, if elected, I would do my best to ensure that anyone who wanted to would know what help is available and feel comfortable seeking it. This would include attempting to increase the visibility of the academic affairs officer role among the incoming freshers.



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ACCESS AND ADMISSIONS OFFICER

Selin Millward



Unequal opportunities in life should not translate into unequal opportunities to access higher education, and so it would be a privilege to encourage students from underrepresented backgrounds in the university to consider applying. As Access & Admissions Officer, I would:

- work with college to look into the possibility of increasing intake to admit students from disadvantaged backgrounds, potentially with predicted/ achieved grades lower than the requirement, and to offer an intermediary summer bridging course. (University College has already pledged to do so.);
- continue the good work on SJC's social media presence to de-mystify everyday student life;
- coordinate with university-wide access schemes;
- focus college's efforts onto the lowest performing schools and the most disadvantaged areas within SJC's focus regions of Brighton and Hove, Ealing and Harrow.

Having attended under-performing comprehensives and a grammar school, I've seen the impact of environment and access work on fulfilling potential, ambition and confidence.



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ENVIRONMENT AND ETHICS OFFICER(S)

Charlotte Ryder and Claire Tierney

Clare

1st year French and Portuguese



“I had fun working as PRAT rep and want to extend my role in the JCR. #GreenDreamTeam”

Charlie

2nd year Biology



“I love the planet, people and animals!”

Hi, we’re Clare and Charlie and we want to run as your E&E officers! We have different strengths and interests, which we believe will provide an effective partnership.

We’ll work with JCR officers and students to bring more environmentally friendly, ethical practices into day-to-day life.

We promise to:

- Build on schemes already in place - E&E brunches, Green Impact, following up with Fairtrade certification and improving veggie meals in hall.
- Consult college about getting environmentally friendly, ethical products e.g. cleaning products.
- Hold events like potlucks, films and talks.
- Install a box in the pidge room to deposit and re-use old envelopes and packaging.
- Look into getting a community fridge to share surplus food.



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INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS OFFICER

Sophia



The position of International Officer appealed to me from the moment I arrived in Fresher's. It's a large community here, so I believe that organising events to solidify the ties amongst international students – not by excluding non-Internationals but, on the contrary, by also getting them involved – would be beneficial to College.

I have, as some of you know, some experience helping the previous International Officer with the various events he has organised this year. This has included the international food fair in Hilary, as well as the International formals that were held both in Hilary and Trinity on Wednesday of 5th week. If I am elected I will continue these. I also have general experience communicating with College in terms of event organisation due to my Presidency of the Music Society this year as well as being in charge of Food for Freshers week in the coming term.



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WOMEN'S OFFICER

Izzy Fewster



Hello! I'm Izzy, a second year Arch & Anth student here at John's. I am running for Women's Officer because I want to represent all those who identify as women at St John's and ensure that their voices are heard.

If elected, during my time in office I would like to accomplish the following:

- Consistent and timely running of the Sanitary Product Scheme, which will offer a range of brands.
- Regular Women's Lunches with lots of garlic bread/cake/yummy alternatives/interesting speakers.
- Promote women orientated societies, such as WomFit, FemSoc, and Oxford Women in Business amongst others.
- Assist with the development of the St John's Women's Network to enable students and alumni to meet each other and offer support, encouragement and advice.
- Work closely with the Ethnic Minority, Equality/Diversity and Disabilities Officers to ensure all women feel included and welcome at St John's.

Please let me know if you have any questions!