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**MANIFESTO BOOKLET**

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### SECRETARY

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#### Adem Berbic



It sounds naff, but I'm running for secretary because I want to give back to the JCR and the college. What makes John's so great is that people are willing to give up their time for the student body, and to me, being secretary is like that: it's not flashy, but it gets a lot of important jobs done. Hopefully everything I've done as DVD rep shows that I really do value working for the community (and that I'm willing to actually put the work in to boot).

That work doesn't just stop at running things smoothly—keeping all the administrative 'glue' open and accessible helps show people that taking part in the JCR just comes down to being a more active member of what's already a really lovely community. I'm always keen on people getting involved, and being secretary is a great opportunity for that.



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### Benedict Gardner



I've served the JCR as the Bike Rep since Hilary Term 2018, and would like now like to step up my contribution to the JCR through the role of Secretary. My experience includes:

- Running the JCR Bike Scheme, forming partnerships with both Ofo Bikes and Bainton Bikes to provide a much improved service now serving 90 members of the JCR (up from 35 last year)
- Current Secretary of the Oxford Geography Society, responsible for event management, minute-taking, member engagement and weekly communication. Have overseen a 60% increase in membership over two terms.
- Told an OK joke once, so feel ready for the emails

As Secretary, I would like to:

- Experiment with live-minuting, live-streaming and more interactive JCR meetings
- Increase average attendance to JCR meetings by consulting the student body about when meetings are held.
- Support Joe in revamping the JCR website

Thank you!



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### TREASURER

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#### Cas Burton



I'm Cas (they/he). I would love to be your Treasurer!

I have a wealth of experience to bring:

- I'm organised – currently the treasurer and webmaster for the Oxford Singers, can use google sheets and forms
- I know how to manage a budget – as LGBTQ+ officer, and treasurer for OS, know how to budget effectively, and how the current JCR system works.
- I can deal with banks efficiently – niche knowledge from being a treasurer and dealing with my name change. Good at sending multiple emails until I get an answer
- I communicate well – as a peer supporter and LGBTQ+ Officer I often have contact with other members of the JCR, officers and college
- I know how to manage my time – I won't promise more than I can do. I'll do reimbursements at a set time each week (or earlier if necessary)
- I'm a mathematician - I can work with numbers!



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### Noam Rosenbaum



Hey folks!

I'm a PPE fresher wanting to do my bit for the JCR - as a first year I've got plenty of time to put into running the job carefully, and it suits my econ background. If elected I will:

- Watch our money like Missy watches pigeons
- Make sure we get the max out of being the rich college
- Have my excel spreadsheet kink beautifully fulfilled
- Never ever discuss excel kinks ever again.

I have some experience running budgeting for charity events, scholarship funds, and funding proposals; I think the treasurer role would suit me well continuing on from this point, so I hope you give me the chance to contribute to the JCR!



Cheers Saints!

Noam



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### ACADEMIC AFFAIRS OFFICER

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#### Maddie Leggett



Hi, I'm Maddie! I'm a second year Human Scientist. I've been the Academic Affairs assistant since last Hillary term, helping Caitlin organise various events, e.g. the Academic Feedback sessions and freshers' study skills sessions. This year, I'd like to build on my experience and continue my work in the role of Officer. As AcAff Officer, I would do my best to help JCR members with academic problems, and to constructively communicate your views on academic provisions to College.

I also plan to:

- Create a study skills section on the revamped JCR website
- Introduce other food besides pizza at AcAff events (I love pizza, but some variety might be nice!)
- Improve the Academic Feedback process, consulting with the JCR and implementing any resolutions passed



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ACCESS AND ADMISSIONS OFFICER

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CLASS LIBERATION OFFICER

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### DISABILITIES OFFICER

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#### Yvonne Clark-Lewis



Hi, I'm Yvonne and I'm a first year Psychology and Linguistics student. I have a chronic illness, and consequently I already have experience liaising with college about disability. The role of disabilities officer appeals to me because I'm eager to be someone that other people with disabilities can come to for support, help or understanding. I'm eager to bring the community of students with disabilities together in a welcoming and supportive environment.

As disabilities officer I would host termly DISABILITeas as well as awareness events for the whole JCR, possibly in a text-a-toastie style. I intend to host several intersectional events, such as a mental health event with the welfare officers. I would also seek to make information about the location of accessible facilities in college more widely available.

I would love the opportunity to engage further with both the disabled and wider community here at John's through this role.



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DISCOUNTS OFFICER

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### DOMESTIC OFFICERS

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Aura Schonfeld, Georgie Cockburn



We would love to be considered for the roles of domestic officers for the JCR. John's is such a fun and welcoming college and we would love to have the opportunity to foster that atmosphere further. Organising fun events like Guest Dinners is a great way to allow people to relax and meet new people in a celebratory environment. We think that we would be well suited to this role as we both have creative spirits that sadly aren't utilized much in our degrees that we could channel into making some banging decorations for each dinner's theme. Improving the camp-bed scheme would be one of our main priorities. We would liaise with the college to try to acquire some more beds to add to the scheme so that there is less of a shortage problem.



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### Nicole & Greg



We are really keen to continue to be/become your DomSecs and maintain a high standard for domestic affairs and guest dinners.

Here are some ideas of what we would push for if elected:

- Look at putting on more of the events that are oversubscribed – eg 3rd Michaelmas guest dinner, and 2nd Christmas dinner
- Online deposit system for guest dinner
- Moving predrinks to GQ reception room or the garden in the summer.
- More diverse range of drinks at predrinks (think sangria, bellinis, kir royale etc. and at posts (dessert wine) + taking requests.
- Finalist guest dinner pushed to 8th week so as many people have finished exams as possible
- Investigate cheese course at guest dinner in terms of feasibility and cost
- Continue liaising with college to smooth over issues with airbed scheme



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### ENTERTAINMENT OFFICERS

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#### Harry Sugden and Bridget Stuart



I'm Harry, a 2nd year Geography student, and I'd love to continue the role I've done for the last two terms! I've LOVED the endless admin (not kidding) and the satisfaction of putting on events, and don't want to stop!



I'm Bridget, a 1st year Psychology student. I love organising parties and am having such a good time at John's, I'd love to do my bit. I feel Harry and I will be able to connect year-groups and cater for everyone's Entz requests!

After investment in new sound/lighting equipment, a successful joint Bop, and well attended collaborative events with Welfare, we'd love continue to bring John's people together with Entz events. We'd plan to...

- Open up theme suggestions to the JCR
- Vary Bop juice recipes
- Join forces with other colleges once a term for Bops (not on Mondays!)
- Keep up the non-Bop social events



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### Sam Scruton and Stevie Polywka

If there's one thing myself and Stevie know it's entertainment. More than having fun ourselves, we love creating nights which other people enjoy.



Previously in John's the word entertainment begins and ends with bops, we want to go above and beyond that – allowing entertainment to ooze into all corners of the college.

Pub Quizzes, Karaoke, Prestige, Security: we'll be bringing all of these and more with our weekly entertainment events.

John's is all party now...



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### ENVIRONMENT AND ETHICS OFFICER(S)

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#### Ankit Ranjan



Hey, I'm Ankit. I'm a second year studying Biomedical Science.

Last term, I ran for E&E Officer because I thought it was one of the most important jobs on the JCR committee. As a college community, it is imperative that we consider the global impact of our actions, and work to represent our values through the choices we make. In just a term, I have made progress on pushing our college to divest from fossil fuels and get meat-free Mondays in hall. If elected again, I would continue on these projects and consider better ways to help improve the ethical and environmental impact of St John's as a whole.





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EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY OFFICER

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### ETHNIC MINORITIES OFFICER

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#### Karen Muperere



Hi! My name is Karen, for the past year I have worked with our fantastic current Ethnic Minorities Officer Ishta who was brilliant. I would like to continue the work that Ishta has started and create an even stronger BME community and establish links with other BME communities in other colleges as well as inviting BME speakers to talk about their experiences. You can expect more BME teas and meal events as well as a continuation of formal events like our recent Diwali dinner.



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### INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS OFFICER

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#### Caroline Caruso Carter



Hi I'm Caroline and I'm a third-culture kid. My father is from the US and my mother's family immigrated from Italy to Argentina but she was born and grew up in Brazil. I was born in London, then moved to Milan, then Almaty (Kazakhstan), then to Vienna before coming to Oxford. As a result, I can speak (to varying degrees of fluency) Italian, Spanish, Russian, German and French. With this international background, I feel like I can represent the views of the international students at St John's. Having grown up being exposed to a variety of cultures, I appreciate how enriching it is to get to know the traditions and food of different nationalities. I would like to create a more solid community of international students at John's, as I understand how disorienting it can be to move to a country with a completely different culture to your own.



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LGBTQ+ OFFICER

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WELFARE OFFICER (MEN AND MINORITY GENDER)

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WELFARE OFFICER (WOMEN AND MINORITY GENDER)

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### WOMEN'S OFFICER

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#### Jahnavi Kalayil



I strongly believe that the women of John's are entitled to free biweekly (in this case meaning every two weeks not twice a week, cri) lunches with tasty food, captivating speakers, free sanitary products and the feeling of being surrounded by other inspiring female peers. If elected I can guarantee these lovely attributes of college life remain and will ensure consistent and punctual delivery of the sanitary products, including more environmentally friendly alternatives. I hope to work with other Liberation/Equality Officers to make all women at John's feel comfortable in the community and also work with the Charity Reps to organise charity events aimed at girls from disadvantaged backgrounds.

If elected, I will work with the female masses and be responsive to feedback to create an environment we are all happy to be a part of. Thank you for considering me!



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### Zoë Stockton

Hey all I am Zoë, HumSci 3rd year and current Women's Officer



I was elected Women's Officer last Trinity term in a by-election so only just feel like I am properly getting into the role.

I would like to continue this next year so that I can follow through on:

- The motion to get the Women's Lunches changed
- Organise a term full of speakers with the new MCR Officers that we have only just started to work on
- Continue with the sanitary product scheme and other responsibilities as usual

I've really enjoyed my time as Women's Officer thus far and would love to get some more things going in the role before the sun sets on my uni degree!