

## St John's College: Junior Common Room

### Standing Policy

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This document contains the beliefs and unresolved resolutions of the People's Republic of St. Giles. It is a supplement to the constitution of the said body and, as such, policy expressed in the constitution should always be given higher priority to that expressed in this document.

#### Beliefs

##### 1/ The "Tom is broke and needs money for beer" Motion (Passed 22/05/16)

This JCR believes that:

- a. Similar motions should be submitted conditionally to a JCR meeting before the event.
- b. This is an unacceptable method of securing reimbursement and should be prohibited in future.

##### 2/ The "Preventing PREVENT" Motion (Passed 26/02/17)

This JCR believes that:

- a. That PREVENT is threatening our civil liberties and academic freedom, including our freedom of speech
- b. That PREVENT is creating a climate of suspicion and fear, and further entrenching Islamophobia and anti-migrant rhetoric
- c. That PREVENT targets predominantly Muslim, BME, and/or international communities
- d. That PREVENT poses a risk to the rights and welfare of many of our students
- e. That we, as a JCR, should do all we can to limit the harm caused by racism and Islamophobia

##### 3/ The "Clarity on freedom of speech" Motion (Passed 19/11/17)

This JCR believes that:

- a. The College has a transparent, consistent, and fair freedom of speech policy.

##### 4/ The "Meat-Free Pizza" Standing Policy Motion (Passed 14/01/18)

This JCR believes that:

- a. Pizza bought using JCR funds should be meat-free.

##### 5/ The "Sparkle Motion 3.0" Standing Policy Motion (Passed 14/01/18)

This JCR believes that:

- a. The JCR should use gender-neutral language rather than gender-binary language in so far as it is possible.
- b. When the JCR specifies a dress code, it does not correlate certain clothing items with certain genders.
- c. When the JCR holds gender-specific events, anyone who identifies with that gender either wholly or partially is welcome, and that inclusive terminology is used when advertising these events.
- d. Bathrooms should be gender-neutral spaces and should be clearly signposted as such.

##### 6/ The "Support UCU!" Standing Policy Motion (Passed 11/02/18)

This JCR believes that:

- a. The University and College Union (UCU) is justified in striking to secure their pensions, and that the JCR should support this strike.
- b. It is not appropriate or advisable for JCR members to miss classes or lectures in pursuit of this goal.

### **7/ The “Scholars Shall Dine More” Standing Policy Motion (Passed 25/02/18)**

**This JCR believes that:**

- a. Scholars’ Dinner is a small and appropriate token for students’ hard work in their first exams, or their work contributing to College as a choral or organ scholar.

### **8/ The “Plastic Sucks” Standing Policy Motion (Passed 06/05/18)**

**This JCR believes that:**

- a. We need to lead by example on this issue and minimise or totally eliminate our use of single use plastics in order to preserve our beautiful planet to encourage members of the JCR to do the same.

### **9/ The “Republic’s Anthem” Standing Policy Motion (Passed 31/01/19)**

**This JCR believes that:**

- b. Subject to the results of a forthcoming poll, St John’s College should have an official anthem which will play at the end all future bops and at the start of JCR meetings.

## **Implementing Resolutions**

### **1/ The “Booking Outrageous” Standing Policy Motion (Passed 07/10/18)**

**This JCR therefore resolves to:**

- g. Mandate the JCR President to lobby College to make the study centre available for use as soon as possible.
- h. Add item g to the JCR Standing Policy under ‘Implementing Resolutions’.

### **2/ The “I’m Just Putting on a Wash” Standing Policy Motion (Passed 04/11/18)**

**This JCR therefore resolves to:**

- a. Mandate the JCR President to pressure College to fund, or at the very least consider
- b. funding, the laundry so that students can enjoy it for free.
- c. Mandate the JCR President to make free laundry a priority at the next rents and charges agreement.

### **3/ The “Divest the Endowment” Standing Policy Motion (Passed 04/11/18)**

**This JCR therefore resolves to:**

- d. Mandate the E&E officer to bring the objective of divesting from both direct and indirect investments in the fossil fuel companies listed in the Carbon Underground top 200 list to the relevant decision-making structures of St John’s College.

### **4/ The “What is all the Flush About” Standing Policy Motion (Passed 27/01/19)**

**This JCR therefore resolves to:**

- e. Mandate the Environment & Ethics Officer to work with the college to, where possible, reduce water usage within cisterns.

### **5/ The “Improved Access to Storage” Standing Policy Motion (Passed 16/05/19)**

**This JCR therefore resolves to:**

- f. Mandate the JCR President to see if access to storage during the weekend could be a possibility
- g. Mandate the JCR President to see if longer opening hours could be an option

- h. Mandate the JCR president to see if it would be possible for students to take a key from the porters to open storage

#### **6/ The “Green Space Not Grey” Standing Policy Motion (Passed 03/06/19)**

**This JCR therefore resolves to:**

- i. Mandate the JCR President and Environmental & Ethics Officer to request transparency from college, particularly the reasons for which they have approved the development of the quarry and to provide information to students about similar decisions in future.

#### **Budget Amendments**