



St John's College Junior Common Room

Minutes - 2nd Meeting, Trinity Term 2021
Sunday 30th May, Zoom, 7:30pm

The meeting opened at 7:40 pm and was chaired by Nick Rix Perez, with minutes taken by Aoife Hegarty (Secretary).

1. Minutes from the Previous Meeting

There were no objections.

2. Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were no matters raised.

3. Reports from Officers, Reps and Committees

Not present:

- Equality & Diversity Officer: Naomi Reiter
- VP: Tara Daemi
- Discounts: Ozan Erder
- Entz: Ronan Foley and Shaina Sangha
- EnvEthics: Elliott Cocker
- Bike Reps: Ozan Erder and Ben Robinson
- Art Reps: Ollie Parkes and Zoe Hind
- Charities Reps: Freya Allery
- Women's: Simone Dawes
- Sports Reps: Felix Stocker and Milo Mallaby
- Welfare Officers

4. Ratifications

- E&D Reps
 - Disabilities (1 vacancy)

Nobody ran for Disabilities Rep.

5. Items for Discussion

a) Hustings challenges

For officer elections, some other colleges give the candidates running for positions challenges. For example, the potential treasurers might be asked to find the oldest coin, or to turn £1 into as much as possible in a day. Let's discuss introducing these challenges!

Zara said that the pros included injecting fun into the JCR, and setting the tone for the rest of the year, but that a con was that people might not want to do the challenges.

Emmet wonders if this would discourage people because it was a 'faff' and take away from the more serious aspects of some of the JCR positions.

Zara said that they would go for challenges which were not related at all to the role.

Aoife suggested playing twister, something which would not involve preparation.

Zara suggested that the treasurer might have to find the oldest coin they could - this way if they do not have the time to prepare, they can still participate and just bring any coin at all.

Zara will refine her item of discussion.

Jake doesn't know if he has anything concrete on this, but thinks that we spend a lot of time on convincing people to run for positions.

Emmet says the JCR needs to loosen up.

Aoife said would hope to return to in person meetings next term, and be more clear about what the role of the JCR is.

Emmet said they and Aoife were keen to introduce the JCR to freshers in Fresher's week, and encourage people to get involved with the JCR - they want to balance the fun with saying these are the useful things that we can do for you.

Zara mentions that the first JCR meeting in 2018 was chaotic and was not a great introduction to the JCR for students who are now in their third year. Zara said to put real work into the first JCR meeting of term and remember to bring up charities motions because that is something we can do.

Emmet notes that the JCR difficulties in filling committee positions were not as big as the MCR.

The JCR then briefly discussed how participation might be improved. Points raised in this discussed included the high levels of JCR bureaucracy, low levels of fun and the poor attendance of JCR Officers at JCR meetings.

6. Agenda Items

There were no agenda items.

7. Any Other Business

There was no other business.