**Lady Margaret Hall**

**Junior Common Room**

**General Meeting Agenda**

**Sunday, 12th May 2024, 4th Week TT24**

**Independent Chair: Malaikah Butt**

**Notices**

**Isaac Lethbridge, LMH History Society President** – Encouraging people to come to the next History Society event (Tuesday May 14th).

**Pearl Crumb, JCR President** – Discussing the EcoTrashing supplies purchased by the JCR and what will happen with these.

**Motions**

**Motion 1:** Remove the role of Tortoise Officer.

**Proposer:** Emma Davies

**Seconder:** Pearl Crumb

**This JCR notes that:** We introduced the role of Tortoise Officer after a motion was passed in Michaelmas term 2022. The Tortoise Officer is tasked with researching the JCR’s potential acquisition of a tortoise, including the feasibility and practicalities of such a proposal. The previous Tortoise Officer fulfilled these duties and presented a proposal that the previous Core Exec reviewed. While their suggestions were valuable, there were still unanswered questions, such as the tortoise’s care during vacations or the primary caretaker. Unfortunately, acquiring a tortoise for the JCR is not feasible. However, we want to stress that we were open to all ideas and suggestions to make this possible. Despite our best efforts, no solution fully addressed all concerns. Furthermore, the role is currently vacant after the Hilary elections this year, opening the door for removing the Tortoise Officer.

**This JCR believes that:** The role of the Tortoise Officer is redundant and should be removed from the Constitution.

**This JCR resolves to:** Remove the role of Tortoise Officer from the constitution.

**Motion 2:** To form a JCR sub-committee to determine demands to be made of the University / College in relation to the Palestine open letter

**Proposer:** Amelia Dovell

**Seconder:** Alisha Ossman

**This JCR notes that:**

* On the 11th May, an open letter in support of the OA4P encampment’s demands, for the University’s divestment from the indirect funding of Israeli arms, was published online. As of the time of writing, this letter has 92 signatories from the LMH student community, and is accessible to read at https://www.lmh-students-palestine-open-letter.com.
* In relation to the letter and the support that it has received, we feel that it is important to begin a formalised process to seek change.
* We recognise the concerns brought up by members of the LMH community, and for this reason feel a subcommittee is the best path forwards to allow everyone to have a voice in this process - in particular those who have concerns about the particular wording of the letter.
* This subcommittee will be open to membership by all members of the JCR, irrespective of their views on the letter.
* We note that the passing of this motion does not constitute an endorsement by the LMH JCR of the aforementioned open letter.

**This JCR believes that:** The university and the college’s current indirect association with organisations involved in the crisis requires immediate action.

**This JCR resolves to:** Form a sub-committee within the next several days, open to all members of the JCR, to determine what demands should be made of the college and the University by the LMH JCR.