**Lady Margaret Hall**

**Junior Common Room**

**General Meeting Agenda**

**Sunday, 26th May 2024, 6th Week TT24**

**Independent Chair: Malaikah Butt**

**Notices**

**Isaac Lethbridge, LMH History Society Co-President** – Letting people know about the final LMH History Society talk on Monday, 27th May, at 7pm in the Old Library.

**Elly Bailey, JCR Women\*s Officer** – Requesting people to email Elly when period products need restocking in the toilets.

**Ike Glassbrook, JCR Vice-President** – Message from college about leaving rooms in a reasonable state at the end of term and regarding the state of some of the laundry rooms in college. Also, an update on the investigation into polling cards.

**Emma Davies, JCR Secretary**—The sign-up form for the subcommittee on JCR action on Palestine did not record people’s SSOs, so I cannot contact those selected. Please edit your response and add your ‘lady’ number so I can contact you.

**Pearl Crumb, JCR President** – We are in the process of sending an email to the Principal and the Dean with significant concerns regarding the welfare of students as a consequence of the discussions regarding the University’s involvement in the humanitarian crisis in Gaza. We want to urge the college to express its concern and desire for de-escalation to the University administration, to allow us to continue hosting these discussions without polarising the dialogue, and reiterate the existing welfare provisions for Jewish, Muslim, Israeli, Palestinian and Arab identities. We want the college to reaffirm its support for the right of LMH students to protest lawfully and the reassurance that our college can serve as a safe and sensitive environment for students to partake in such discourse.

**Motions**

**Motion 1:** To give £80 to the Isis magazine

**Proposer:** Bella Gerber-Johnstone

**Seconder:** Charli Wild

**This JCR notes that:** The Isis Magazine is Oxford's longest running independent student magazine. Every term we publish fiction, poetry, investigations, features, and art. Many students at LMH have contributed to the Isis as editors, team members, and writers both during this term and others.

As one of the deputy editors, it is important to me to see our hard work coming to fruition, and it would be great for my peers and other members’ peers to get a copy of the magazine. Currently, five students from our college are on the team. They are:
- Bella Gerber-Johnstone, features deputy editor
- Molly Flemming, non fiction editor
- Jonathan Truong, fiction director
- (Charli) Wild, events team member
- Sasha Wertime, social media team member

Many students have written for the magazine in past terms, and all can attend events — they’re not exclusive!

While the Isis hosts events during term to generate some revenue, we rely on JCRs/MCRs to help us meet our ever-increasing printing costs.

**This JCR believes that:** We are getting in touch to request a grant to support the magazine. If the Isis does not gain funding from college grants, events will become more expensive (and thus less accessible), or we will not be able to print. We will use the money from the grant to print the magazine and subsidise our events. We have also applied to other colleges’ JCRs for similar funding.

**This JCR resolves to:** Give £80 towards the Isis Magazine.

**Motion 2:** Remove the role of Tortoise Officer.

**Proposer:** Ike Glassbrook

**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 and much hard work went into it, 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. Removing the Tortoise Officer from the constitution means we no longer have to advertise the position during elections. Should a time arise when obtaining a tortoise is more likely (although this would require changes to the structure of the university itself), we can reinstate the Tortoise Officer. For the time being, we have no need for it, and it seems silly to potentially have the role filled with no chance of getting a tortoise.

**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.