**Lady Margaret Hall**

**Junior Common Room**

**General Meeting Agenda**

**Sunday, 9th February 2025, 4th Week HT25**

**Independent Chair: Pearl Crumb**

**Notices**

**Travis Bennett (JCR President)** – Tutorial feedback forms

Compulsory wellbeing session (the link sent out on Friday)

**Elizabeth David (JCR Vice President)** – Make sure you sign up to be a sober angel!

**Lewis Jordan (JCR Treasurer)** – Deadline to have your name removed from the MAD fund report is today!

**Isaac Lethbridge (JCR Social Backgrounds Officer)** – Feedback form for grants and funding

**Motions**

**Motion 1:** Fez for Prez

**Proposer:** Fergus Carrington

**Seconder:** Abi Cooper

**This JCR notes that:** Travis Bennett lacks authority and presence in JCR meetings

**This JCR believes that:** Forcing the president to wear a fez in all meetings will improve this situation

**This JCR resolves to:** Purchase the president a fez, and from this point on render all motions passed at meetings where the president does not wear a fez throughout invalid\*

\*Constitutional change and therefore must be passed by unanimous decision or pass two meetings in a row.

**Motion 2:** To buy Overcooked for the JCR PS5

**Proposer:** Nydile Narayan

**Seconder:** Amelia Dovell

**This JCR notes that:** The PS5 version costs 34.99. It includes Overcooked 1 and 2 as well as all the DLCs. For the PS5, there isn’t any option to just buy one of the games outside of the bundle.

**This JCR believes that:** Overcooked is a great game and without it, this JCR (indeed, the world) would be a bleak, bleak place.

**This JCR resolves to:** Buy Overcooked for the JCR PS5.

**Motion 3:** Give History Society £120

**Proposer:** Elly Bailey

**Seconder:** Lucy Blanning

**This JCR notes that:** History Society is open to anyone and everyone, with events running every week

**This JCR believes that:** History society enriches life at LMH and supports the welfare, social life, and academic progress of its members

**This JCR resolves to:** Give History Society £120

**Motion 4:** Buy F1 24 for the PS5 from the games pot

**Proposer:** Freddie James

**Seconder:** Ike Glassbrook

**This JCR notes that:** The game is only £10.49 (85% discount) and will be lots of fun for many people

**This JCR believes that:** F1 24 especially at this price will enhance the jcr ps5.

**This JCR resolves to:** Get f1 for the jcr ps5.

**Motion 5:** To release a JCR statement against the Oxford Sociology Department's hosting of a transphobic speaker Michael Biggs.

**Proposer:** Eli Golding

**Seconder:** Finn Aston

**This JCR notes that:** The Oxford Sociology Department are hosting a talk on Monday by Professor Michael Biggs, focusing on the 2021 Census of Wales and England (the first Census to count the transgender population), and why he believes the question was flawed, and data was inaccurate.

Biggs is the director of ‘Sex Matters’, a group promoting beliefs that young people shouldn’t access gender-affirming healthcare, and that trans people “do not have the right to compel anyone else to pretend they are a member of the opposite sex”; and an advisor to ‘Society for Evidence-Based Gender Medicine’ a group designated an anti-LGBTQ+ hate group by the Southern Poverty Law Centre, and known for spreading misinformation about trans healthcare. The Yale School of Medicine in a report described this group as not a ‘recognised scientific organisation’. In 2018, an investigative article from the Oxford Student paper connected Michael Biggs with a Twitter account (@MrHenryWimbush) posting anti-trans sentiment (more can be found in the article itself). It should also be noted that other colleges (Catz, Hughs, Corpus Christi, Oriel, Pembroke, that I know of) are also putting forward JCR/ MCR motions to release statements of similar sentiment.

**This JCR believes that:** While discussion of politicised issues in an academic context is important, I believe it is not ideal to promote transphobic views, especially during a seminar series during, and for, LGBTQ+ History Month. From Oxford Student Union’s definition of “the core value underlying all transphobia” as “a rejection of trans identity and a refusal to acknowledge that it could possibly be real or valid” (a full definition can be found on the Oxford SU website), Michael Biggs’ views and actions could be described as transphobic.

The LMH JCR believes that the rights of any minority group must be protected, and that misinformation on trans healthcare and other trans rights should not be promoted. This is a JCR matter, as transphobia contradicts the duties of the JCR to provide support for the well-being of students and to provide a voice for under-represented groups.

**This JCR resolves to:** release a statement in support of trans students, and against the promotion of transphobic views.