**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: Academic policy committee are really keen to get feedback on tutors and tutorials (and free hall vouchers)

Compulsory wellbeing session (the link sent out on Friday): This is a mandatory session! Four sessions, pick the time that suits you best!

**Elizabeth David (JCR Vice President)** – Make sure you sign up to be a sober angel! Especially if you are a fresher. Sober angels are so important for our bops, will not be every bop, just one will be amazing! Contact the JCR secretary)

**Lewis Jordan (JCR Treasurer)** – Deadline to have your name removed from the MAD fund report is today! Please open emails if you have received MAD money last term! If you want to be anonymous, please let Lewis know by tonight.

**Isaac Lethbridge (JCR Social Backgrounds Officer)** – Feedback form for grants and funding. Tonight is the deadline for the grants and funding feedback form, please fill in the form! Link on Facebook and bulletin.

**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 forwards to remove the president’s right to vote 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.

Notes:

Fergus: did have to change it. Travis doesn’t give the authority that he should. Fez would solve that.

Abi: Agree with Fergus.

Freddie: Travis doesn’t quite have the authority he deserves or wants. Wanna stress, this is a constitutional change, he can wear the fez next time if unanimous. Pass it as soon as possible!

Ike: now that it doesn’t violate charity law, take away Travis’ power!

Asha: Agree!

Travis: personally don’t think I look good in a Fez. Only problem against it.

Cora: Would every president have to

Yes

Finn: Little fez?

Fergus: Travis may choose his own fez out of respect

Ike: How will we prevent it

Prevent him from accessing it

Elizabeth: Should we emborider the names on the fez?

Several: Yes!

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*Motion passed unanimously.*

**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.

Nydile: great game, great for anger management. Can only get the bundle, but we have the money for it

Lewis: thank you for putting a game forward

Travis: likes overcooked

Elizabeth: has negative impacts on anger management

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*Motion passed.*

**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

Elly: Open to everyone. Events open every week. Speaker event recently. Very popular and lots of events and socials! Money helps buy snacks, thank you gift for speaker, support social events, rent wine classes, Happy to see as many people as possible there!

Lucy: Second everything eely said

Isaac: one of the most active and well run socities in LMH and the money would be very well spent

Travis: the history society opposed the law society’s bid for money

Elly: voted for it, asking for a lot of money

Lewis: were awarded the money last time, it’s not all been spent yet

Elly: still a backlog of money

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*Motion passed.*

**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.

Freddie: get the game because it’s on a big discount and lots of people would want to play it. Travis (fezless) wants it too. Would be great to finally have games on the PS5.

Ike: Travis said we had to submit the motion or else. Sounds good.

Tommy: f1 is so important to Freddie

Cora: Freddie James loves F1

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Motion passed.

**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 politicized 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.

Eli: Oxford sociology department is hosting Michael Biggs (see information in motion). Not aiming to deplatform him, but to show awareness and support for the Trans community

Finn: agree with everything Eli said. Not a big fan of this person. Has happened before, and the response was incredible. Would mean a lot to see this motion passed again

Ike: really important that the JCR holds an opposition to transphobia at its core. Reflect that in our actions. Gong through many JCRs across Oxford. Important that people who have a platform are saying such vile things in a society where trans people are demonized are firmly opposed and we are firm in in our solidarity

Bethan: agree with everything. When someone tells you who they are, believe them. These are not the type of people who deserve platforms.

Travis: What specifically would you like to be said

Eli: full statement will be sent

Eli: possible to release the statement in tandem with other JCRs

Finn: other JCR meetings are having at different times, will make sure to communicate.

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*Motion passed.*