**Lady Margaret Hall**

**Junior Common Room**

**General Meeting Agenda**

**Sunday, 9th March 2025, 8th Week HT25**

**Independent Chair: Pearl Crumb**

**Notices**

**Lewis Jordan (JCR Treasurer)** – MAD Fund closing tonight! Delibertaing will be this week, results will be released next week.

**Aniya Boranbay (JCR Secretary)** – We have newly elected JCR officers, thank you to our outgoing ones!

**Motions**

**Motion 1:** For the JCR to push the college to tune pianos as soon as possible.

**Proposer:** Benjamin Waterer

**Seconder:** Alex Hall

**This JCR notes that:** The pianos in college (two in Talbot Hall, one in the Old Library, one in the Mary O'Brien room and several in student rooms) are incredibly valuable to the college's musical community, and several of them are bequests from LMH alumni. However, they are only playable if they are in tune, and college only tunes them very rarely (once every six months at most - New College's are tuned every 4-6 weeks). I understand there are tentative plans to have the Steinways tuned soon, but not the others, and if they are left for much longer, they will need restoring rather than retuning, which is a question of several thousand pounds rather than between £100 and £200.

**This JCR believes that:** Pressuring college to have these pianos tuned as soon as possible (over the Easter vac) is very important to ensure they can be used by the college's musical community next term. If college are unwilling to have all pianos tuned regularly (including in student rooms) then the JCR could look to part-funding more regular visits from a piano tuner. Currently, these pianos are only available to Music students or those holding Grade 7+ standard on the piano, but were the JCR to take a more active role in maintaining them, this would provide more leverage, to push for access to be opened to more students.

**This JCR resolves to:** Contact the people in charge of the pianos' maintenance and encourage them to have the pianos tuned over the Easter vacation, emphasising the need to do this soon to prevent more damage being done to these very valuable instruments.

Notes:

Ben – College has lots of valuable pianos, out of tune, haven’t been tuned in years. Need to be tuned regularly, if left much longer, it would be not good! Important that the JCR pushes for it, big student support. No upkeep from the side of college. Only available from grade 7 and above pianists, push to be lowered so more people can be used.

For:

Wally – college has a lot of pianos that don’t work, tuners cannot even do it. If you don’t tune them for long periods of time, they need to be paid much more

Asha – benefit more people than just music students, eg choir

Ike – important as college is moving away from piano rooms to a more communal system

Against:

None

Questions:

Elizabeth – who are we pressuring?

Ben – Econ tutor in charge of pianos, Dr Millen, choir tutors

**Motion 2:** Give £45 to OxPods

**Proposer:** Asha Davison

**Seconder:** Alice Hazell

**This JCR notes that:** As a fairly new student run society (established in November 2022), we are currently relying on the generosity of JCRs to provide us with a budget. Our treasurer is working on securing long-term sponsorships with local businesses, but this is our current method.  
  
The £45 will be used to partially fund a year long Canva Pro subscription, which costs £100 and is expiring soon (our entire social media branding relies on this).  
  
Our committee is spread across the colleges, we are asking other JCRs to help with this cost too.  
We will not be asking for any more money after this motion.

**This JCR believes that:** This money will be well spent on a society that has involved LMH students and that aligns with LMH's values of education access and outreach.

**This JCR resolves to:** Give £45 to OxPods

Asha – student-run podcast professors that interview professors, increase access, involves many lmh students, benefits current and future lmhers. Currently no sponsorships, rely on the jcr. Asking other jcrs. Money will go towards canva pro

Alice – really valuable society for everyone, podcasting skills, valuable for future jobs, very accessible to all, regardless of subject

For:

Clara – put a lot of work into this

Against:

None

Questions:

Travis – how much asking other jcrs?

50 pounds from other jcrs

Lewis – last year asked for 30, what was it for?

Asha/Alice - For microphone cable

**Motion 3:** Elect Madeleine Trussell as Independent Chair for TT25

**Proposer:** Aniya Boranbay

**Seconder:** Elizabeth David

**This JCR notes that:** As per the constitution, members of the JCR were allowed to nominate themselves for Independent Chair and the JCR committee voted on who they wanted to fill the role next term.

**This JCR believes that:** Madeleine Trussell has fulfilled all the necessary requirements to be elected to the role.

**This JCR resolves to:** Make Madeleine Trussell Independent Chair for TT25.

For:

Elizabeth – she’s my college wife and she’s great