

St. Catharine's College MCR meeting Thursday 11th August 2022, 6pm

Committee members present:

Praharsh Babu, Co-president
Mariane Mansour, Co-president
Amelia Whitehead, Secretary
Tom Willis, Computing officer
Barbara Neto-Bradley, Education officer
Samuel Ryan, Formal Hall officer
Tobia Nava, Accommodation officer
Rachel McKeown, Access officer
Fiona Connolly, Women's and non-binary officer
Zara Niven, Welfare officer
Yuxuan Cai, Food and drinks officer

Committee members not present:

Sam Stephenson, Green officer
Sohane Ines Mousseid Yahya, BME officer
Livia Wilod Versprille, Treasurer

Open day

- Volunteer gaps need filling
- Sam R and Rachel willing to help out, potentially Barbara

Mental health training

- 8 representatives from the MCR committee need mental health training
- Opt-out system for the committee, best for everyone to go if they can make it

Events before the start of term

- First formal in new hall 6th September- college have said 50 people limit
 - o One ticket per person for first release, add the option for guests if spaces aren't filled
- Could potentially organise PhD/Medics/Vets events in September

Preparing for Freshers week

- Praharsh to investigate a committee stash order for before freshers week
- Google form to be sent for 4th year affiliate members by Praharsh in early October
- Organise photo submissions for a 'who's who' guide for freshers
- Website
 - o Update FAQs for website (add onto doc)
 - o Praharsh to add info to website regarding what's available in the accommodation

- Praharsh to coordinate updating the photos of graduate accommodation on the website with students currently living there
- College parents
 - Praharsh to send form to current MCR members to recruit parents
 - Hoping for about 40 sign ups
 - Family formal 6th October for freshers and parents
- Suggested events
 - Pizza and beer, wine and cheese, walk to the botanic gardens/Grantchester, pub crawl, board games, bop, pub quiz
 - Welfare tea to allow incoming students to meet members of the college welfare team
 - It was suggested that we could pair a fun event with an inclusivity workshop
 - Zara and Barbara to investigate providers for seminars
- Freshers pack
 - First finished draft ideally by 15th August to be sent on the 5th of September
 - Removed irrelevant undergraduate information
 - Add photographs of the MCR
 - To circulate a separate welfare pack to incoming freshers including information about consent and sexual harassment
 - Review international student section to ensure nothing is missing
 - Liaise with JCR for information about the freshers squash and sporting events, add more opportunities to the newsletter
 - Adjust GP surgery distance information and dental care info

Renovations

- Proposal put together by Tobia
- Aim to have general plan finalised and negotiations with college by the end of September
- Improving accessibility suggestions: ramp instead of stairs, more space to move between furniture

If you have any suggestions or feedback you'd like to give the MCR, please get in touch by emailing mcr.secretary@caths.cam.ac.uk