

The MCR President's Report

Find moments of peace

Echoing the sentiment of last year's report, the MCR has once again been home to a 'hive of activity' both academically and socially. The MCR is a place where one can find moments of peace from the busyness of the world. It is also a place in which one might suddenly find themselves discussing something as strange as how a fellow student's beetle population has evolved with an unruly penchant for uncooperative behaviour, or as baffling as the impossibilities of an ever-expanding universe. These conversations are thankfully punctuated with the more mundane sentiments of lunch choices, weekend plans, and too-frequent-to-admit trips to visit Wendy and Anna – the well-loved staff at the College bar. I'm sure those of you reading who remember their time at Trinity Hall will know the kinds of conversations and the warm, welcoming environment I'm describing. This is something those of us in the MCR are incredibly grateful for – there is no experience quite like it.

This year the MCR continued its weekly 'grad hall' dinners, and the committee rallied behind some quite large special themed 'superhall' events. Hogwarts Hall boasted large house drapings hung from the Dining Hall balcony, with lovingly made 'potion' cocktails after dinner. We were even lucky enough to be joined by two friendly owls for the evening too! Our Christmas hall delivered with much the same gusto. Picture a scene of one hundred or so postgraduates huddled in that special place, awaiting eagerly and nervously for what was to come. Our own College choir performed a few beautiful pieces whilst we waited. The dress code was black tie, but Santa disregarded this and graced the halls with his red-and-white cheer. And so for another year carols were sung (or perhaps shouted...) by all with a rambunctious and jolly festivity.

This year the MCR has seen two new societies spring up – the entrepreneurial society and the medical society. Our weekly postgraduate seminar, the McMenemy Seminar, continued on with pretty varied topics presented to an attentive audience.

As I am sure you will well know, however, this has not been a usual year by any means. The news circulating the press was a shock to many staff, students and alumni alike. The community was hurt and unhappy to hear of these incidents, and much of the year was dedicated to ensuring College appreciated just how the MCR community felt, and were taking preventative steps looking forward. Before things had settled, however, fears over coronavirus emerged. Our diligent Welfare team leapt into action, running several remote events for the first couple of months of lockdown, ranging from synchronised horror flicks to pub(less) quizzes. As time wore on things began to settle and many of us began to find a workable rhythm, though for some the search still goes on. It is in times like these that the community we all share becomes all the more important.

We are extremely grateful to alumni for providing funds for much needed and long overdue renovations and redecorations of our common rooms. The cosiness of the MCR's red room and the hustle-bustle of the adjacent blue room (both inventively named) are godsend for many of us, and it is a privilege that we can walk these grounds as another generation of students that calls Trinity Hall our home.

It seems that as the years whizz by so too do the people beside us, but the memories we have built in this special place stand strong and cherished.



William Lloyd-Regan (2017)
MCR President 2019/20

MCR Committee 2019/20

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