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The JCR President's Report

A constant and supportive
community

There's no light way to put it: the last year has been one of the most challenging for students across the College, University and beyond. Since the outbreak of the pandemic, two terms have been conducted online, away from Cambridge, while the precious time we were able to stay in the city was blighted by lockdowns, heavy restrictions and isolations. Despite this turmoil, the JCR has remained a constant and supportive community.

The JCR adapted incredibly quickly, able to organise a huge Trinity Hall welcome with a momentous Freshers' Week, requiring great teamwork and collaboration from all areas of the undergraduate body and College. The first years rotated around lots of exciting events: from punting to pub quizzes, picnics, arts and crafts and a socially distanced beer garden and BBQ.

Realising what was possible despite the circumstances, the JCR continued to work in partnership with the College to make the most of Michaelmas term. Matriculation celebrations in household bubbles, take-away Formals and online welfare drop-in sessions provided a glimpse of normality among the tirade of cancellations and intermittent lockdowns.

Online events took over as the new status quo, and JCR Societies were no exception to this new way of life. Law Society ran a full programme of events, even delivering hampers to accompany virtual talks and panel discussions. Similarly, the newly formed Hesperides Literary Society launched online with several interviews, featuring Nick Hytner (1974) and Sophie Winkelman (1998), and their inaugural Zoom book club. History Society also ran a range of virtual talks and seminars on widespread topics, from

COVID to eco-activism, global feminism and Radical AIDS activism. The Boat Club, as one of the few sporting societies able to continue through much of the restrictions, had one of its largest intakes in recent years, similarly adapting to remote life by running weekly Zoom circuit sessions. When they were able to return to the water in Easter, THBC entered eight boats into the Spring Regatta, finishing the year in a positive direction.

The JCR Committee has been hard at work representing undergraduates through an uncertain time, and the pandemic hasn't quelled their passion for supporting and improving student life. In Lent term, the Committee signed an Accessibility Pledge, proposed by Olly, our Disability & Special Considerations Officer, aiming to ensure all JCR activities are open and welcoming to everyone. Rosie, our Green & Ethics Officer, set up a Sustainability Committee, aiming to continue furthering Trinity Hall's efforts to minimise our environmental impact. Kailan, our BME Officer, sustained the brilliant work of his predecessor Maro Okiti (2019) by organising this year's BME Open Day, attracting a huge number of prospective students.

It was wonderful to see recent graduates coming back for their formal graduation at the end of Easter term, which resumed in person, signalling a steady return to the Cambridge that I arrived in two years ago. This year promises to be one of great possibilities and openings that I encourage all in the JCR to embrace. If there's one thing this year has taught us, it's to make the most of opportunities while you can; the world can turn upside down in a heartbeat. Looking ahead, I wish the best of luck to the new presidents, and I want to thank this year's Committee and wider JCR for supporting everyone – including myself – through a truly difficult year.

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The last year has been vastly different from everyone's expectations. The ongoing global pandemic has affected scholarly and social life alike, shutting down most of the scheduled activity for the past academic year. While most restrictions have now been lifted in the UK and the College is returning to the hive of activity that it once was, many students have spent little, if any, time in the physical enclosure of our beautiful sites.

With regular formal dinners being impossible, the Entertainment Officers have done a marvellous job coming up with alternative ways to maintain a sense of community and belonging, despite the physical distance. The events included remote cocktail and quiz evenings, cheese and wine tastings with pre-assembled kits for the households to take home, and, once lockdown rules permitted, in-person pub trips. The highlights were no doubt the Matriculation dinner held in June as well as the summer Formal Hall when we were finally allowed to return to the beautiful surroundings of our very own Dining Hall.

Despite the limitations, the long-standing tradition of McMenemy seminars was kept alive. Under adjusted circumstances using Zoom instead of the usual in-person events,

the attendees were kept entertained through a series of fascinating talks. Topics included: The future of nanotechnology and computer memory; China's only female emperor; The design of face masks and stem cells; and Quiescence in flies. To provide an additional incentive, take-away food vouchers were provided in the place of usual dinner tickets.

Following what was mentioned in last year's report from the MCR President on the matter of the *Tortoise* article raising sexual assault allegations, we are still awaiting the outcome of the independent investigation lead by Gemma White QC. We hope that this will shed light on what has happened and on how the College will take action to ensure that Trinity Hall is a safe and welcoming place for everyone.

While the year has certainly not evolved the way it was hoped or expected, we are extremely grateful for the help and provisions which were made by the College administration to assist with getting everyone through the crisis safely. We would also like to express our gratitude to the College alumni for their ongoing support.

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