

The MCR President's Report

The best of what Trinity Hall and the MCR has to offer



Chris Haggard (2020)
MCR President 2021/22

The long isolation of COVID left MCR members eager to connect with new friends, and a buzzing atmosphere returned to College once again. We resume the usual MCR fare of Wednesday Grad Hall, themed Superhalls and insightful McMenemy seminars – all without Zoom.

The MCR committee channelled their excitement at finally being able to run in-person events again by organising a packed social calendar. Michaelmas term saw the MCR host a 7-foot animatronic dragon at a Harry Potter Superhall and singing *Twelve Days of Christmas* at the Bridgemas formal. Our Internal Events Officers, Sophie and Alexandrine, used these events to spotlight important issues: a raffle at the Bond-themed Superhall in Lent term raised £478 for the Red Cross Ukraine Appeal, and College generously matched the amount with a donation to the Council for At-Risk Academics. In February, the Gender Officers, Antonia and Jess, organised a week of events celebrating International Women's Day. Activities included banner making for Reclaim the Night and an IWD formal where we celebrated iconic women and people of marginalised genders.

The Marshall McLuhan Symposium also returned for the first time since 2019. The Academic Officers, Craig and Jack, did not disappoint, organising an exciting programme of talks given by MCR members on the theme of 'Shape'. Subjects ranged widely from austerity and gentrification by Joshua Paul, to SARS-CoV-2 by Antonia Netzl. Charles Gai's talk on origami-like smart structures secured him first prize.

In keeping with the theme of return events, this year saw the return of the MCR summer Garden Party. For one

afternoon at the end of May Week, live jazz bands and DJs briefly disturbed the tranquillity of Wychfield. As the final MCR event of the year, it was a fitting way for many members to say goodbye to all the friends they had made throughout the year.

Looking ahead to the upcoming year, College will be welcoming a new Master. The MCR is very much looking forward to working with the new Master to progress the views of postgraduate students and make College an even friendlier, safer and more welcoming place.

We have a slight upheaval ahead; the MCR is being refurbished and we have to temporarily decamp to the Welfare Room – the site of the old College Bar. The MCR committee has been heavily involved in the redesign of the MCR and we shall return in a year's time to the newly restored Blue and Red Room.

Finally, thank you to all the members of College who made this amazing year possible. I think the year showed the best of what Trinity Hall and the MCR have to offer, and we are incredibly grateful to the staff and Fellows for their efforts to make it happen. In particular, we wish to thank the Catering and Events teams who tirelessly helped us with all our events and formals, and were happy to fulfil all our last-minute wishes. I would also like to thank the wider MCR committee: it would not have been possible to have such a successful year without your consistent effort.

MCR Committee 2021/22

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