



Education in Focus at John's

Lent Term 19

Introducing Our Newsletter

Welcome to the inaugural Newsletter from the Director of Education & Senior Tutor's Department. We hope this will be an interesting and informative read that highlights key forthcoming events, recent milestones and important deadlines on the horizon. Do let us know if there is anything in particular you would like to hear about in the future.

Key Lent Term Events

- **SBR Graduate Research Symposium: 2 February, Main Lecture Theatre, Old Divinity School.**
This symposium, organised by our graduate students, is a fantastic opportunity to hear about the wide range of research being undertaken by graduate students at St John's.
- **Education Forum: 5 February, 12:30 – 14:00, Lightfoot Room.**
The College Health Centre and Services to promote the Mental and Physical Health of Students.
The College Nurse, Assistant College Nurse and College Counsellor will all be speaking.
- **Lady Margaret Intellectual Connections Event: 15 February 15:30 – 19:00, Palmerston Room.**
Brave New World: Overcoming Climate Change from Every Angle.
Keynote Speakers include Professor Sir Richard Friend and Professor Andrew Woods.
- **Travel Awards & UARPs Conference: 11 March, 16:30 – 18:30; Lecture Theatre, Old Divinity School.**
Presentations by a range of students who received Travel Award & UARP funding from College last year.

Key data for the 2018/19 academic year

- St John's welcomed 177 new undergraduates and 86 new graduate students in October (giving us a total student body of 939 students).
- 120 Scholars were admitted to the Foundation in November.
- The College had over 1000 undergraduate applicants. 840 candidates were interviewed over 11 days by 113 interviewers (a total of 1763 interviews were organised!). 47 at-interview test sessions took place.
- We have made 231 offers for undergraduate places in October 2019: 60% of offer holders are at State/Maintained schools and 40% are at Independent schools. 41% are women and 59% are men.
- 67 St John's College Studentships of £6,810 have been awarded to students with household income below £25,000. 16 undergraduates have also received top-up funding with a St John's Bursary.
- 10 Pre-Admissions Prizes, 1 Khattar-Harrison Scholarship and 2 Nathoo Bursaries were awarded.
- International scholarships: 8 American, 1 South African and 2 Hong Kong undergraduates have received scholarships to cover part or all of the cost of their studies.
- 134 applications have been submitted for exchange programmes with Caltech, NUS, Georgetown, Pavia, Heidelberg, Nagoya and the China-UK Development Centre (CUDC).

Other Announcements

- Student Services introduced **Wellbeing Workshops** for Freshers in Michaelmas Term.
- Student Services are developing an **online Learning and Research Fund Application System**.
- College is undertaking the University's triannual **Academic and Welfare Review** this term.
- **Subject Review Meetings** which took place in MT18 were AMES and ASNAC. In LT19 we will have Subject Reviews in Land Economy, Architecture, Computer Science, and Engineering.
- Undergraduates are now consulted as part of the triannual **Subject Review process**.



Upcoming Admissions Events

- **Offer Holders Day** – 16 March
- **Law Taster Day** – 19 March
- **Making Materials Matter Student Conference** – 27 March



Other Things Happening to Note

- **Congregations** - 26 January, 23 February 23 March.
- **College Progress Tests** 14-16 January and 19 January
- **University examinations in Lent Term** 8-16 January, 25 February, 7 March, 13-15 March.
- **China-UK Development Centre** students will be staying in College 15 January - 2 February and **Nagoya Exchange** students will come to College 27 February - 13 March

New Teaching Fellows, College Teaching Associates (CTA) & Lectors

- **Dr Jean Abraham** – Title B Fellow in Medical Oncology
- **Dr Julian Holstein** – Title E Fellow in Pure Mathematics
- **Dr Helen McCarthy** – Title B Fellow in Modern History
- **Prof Eric Miska** – Title B Fellow in Molecular Biology
- **Dr Dhruv Ranganathan** - Title B Fellow in Pure Mathematics
- **Dr John Weisweiler** – Title B Fellow in Classics
- **Dr Benjamin Abrams** - CTA in Sociology
- **Dr Jeppe Mulich** – CTA in History
- **Dr Renata Rabovic** – CTA in Economics
- **Dr Theresa Lentfort** – DAAD German Lector
- **Dr Clara Manco** - French Lectrice

New/ Returning Colleagues in the Director of Education & Senior Tutor's Department

- **Dr Matthias Dörrzapf** has taken on the new role of Director of International Programmes.
- **Dr Karson Kung** has been appointed as Research Associate on the Gender Equality Project.
- **Jenni Prior** returned from Maternity Leave as Executive Assistant to the Director of Education & Senior Tutor. **Laura Beskeen** took up her new post as President's Assistant and Assistant to the Dean of Discipline.
- **Katharine Wiggell** has been appointed as Undergraduate Admissions Outreach Officer.
- **Helen Chalmers** joined the Admissions Office as Admissions Office Assistant.
- **Ian Jones** has been appointed as Academic Administrator while **Cei Whitehouse** is on secondment.
- **George Reynolds** has been appointed as Student Services Officer while **Stephanie Kingsnorth** is on Maternity Leave.

Key deadlines coming up

- **Douglas Adams Prize** application deadline: 21 January.
- **College Progress Test** deadline for submitting marks to Academic Administrators: 28 January (noon)
- **Benefactors' Scholarship Competition** closing date: 1 March 2019.
- **Travel Award and UARP** applications open: 18 February; application deadline: Monday 25 March.

Please do get in touch.....

- To organise a **Taster Day for your Subject** K.H.Wiggell@joh.cam.ac.uk
- To represent St John's as a **School Governor** Senior.Tutor@joh.cam.ac.uk
- To promote **International Programmes and Scholarships** when travelling abroad md131@cam.ac.uk

And Finally

- Thanks to the outgoing **JCR Co-Presidents**, Ben Jones and Fionn Dillon-Kelly who did a wonderful job in their role and welcome to incoming Co- Presidents, Oliver Barnard and Anusha Ashok.

