



Minutes of
St Hugh's JCR Meeting
1st Week Hilary Term 2026
25.01.26
8:00pm, JCR

Agenda:

- 1) Reports from members of the JCR Committee
- 2) Statement by the JCR Treasurer of the balance of the term's motion budget and the balance of any other budget relevant to this meeting
- 3) Late motions for admission
- 4) Action motions for debate asking for funding
- 5) Action motions for debate not asking for funding
- 6) Statement motions for debate
- 7) Items for discussion

1. Reports from members of the JCR Committee

President- Oscar Mowatt

- Rerunning Clare formal after success last year
- Incentivising JCR committee members to come up by subsidising tickets
 - Concerning lack of competition for JCR positions this year, so trying to encourage people to apply for them
- Clare tickets will be live for non-committee members sometime in next 10 days

Vice President- Rüya Oral

- Trinity wants to do a formal exchange, formal tickets for w5 will be 15 fewer
- Around 15 people will be able to go to Trinity sometime this term

Secretary- Eleanor Suh

- Travel grants will be going out

Treasurer- John Macmillan

- NTR

Access Rep- Ayesha Kangama

- Not present

Welfare Reps- Elizabeth Akora, Christopher Robertson, and Saria Branson

- New instagram: @hughswelfare
- Valentine's Day pidging, can pidge chocolate and notes, submit through form and deadline is Wednesday



Entz Reps- Cosmo Fasanya and Raghu Krishnan

- Halfway Hall on Tues, Megabop afterwards
- Still no bops, potentially w7, looking into alternative options

LGBTQ+ Reps- Valerie Mann and Ben Woodward

- First event last Thurs, film event

International Rep- Ludwig Illies

- NTR/not present

Environment and Ethics Rep- Isabelle Marsh

- NTR

BAME Reps- Anushka Gupta and Maryam Omar

- Collab with Femsoc on Friday, success
- Chai in JCR in two weeks, details tbc

Disabilities Rep- Charles Hill

- NTR

Charities and Community Rep- Isobel Henderson

- charity coffee raffle - please donate £1-5
- Planning w6 charity week, competitions and challenges
 - Pool tournament, pie the JCR
- Valentines charity pidging as well - a rose and a note, £1 towards cardiac risk in young people

Sports and Societies Rep- Tilak Patel

- Not present

Careers and Academic Affairs- Annabelle Parbrook

- Not present

Director of Digital Operations- Ethan Precey

- Playstation has Fifa 26
- Another menu review out

Freshers' Rep- Faraz Farooque

- NTR
- Email about college parents/children going out soon

Faiths and Beliefs Rep- Ella Joseph



- Ramadan pidgeon as soon as can send out form

Cat Rep- Mia Carter

- Collab with welfare in W5, cat themed movie night
- New form in cat instagram to submit photos

2. Statement by the JCR Treasurer of the balance of the term's motion budget and the balance of any other budget relevant to the meeting

- £600 of motions budget left

3. Late motions for admission

Late Motions for Submission

Fund Monstrous Regiment

The JCR notes:

- The play Monstrous Regiment will take place in the Michael Pilch Studio in 5th week of Hilary Term.
- Two JCR members are involved, one as an assistant director and another as a major role in the cast.
- Picnic Productions is a new production company and needs to raise the funds for the rights and venue, as well as the cost of set, props, and costume.
- The rights cost £720 and the venue costs £400, which is significant expenditure for a new production company; any support the JCR could provide will go a long way.
- Those involved in student drama are responsible for raising the funds to put on the play, from funding bodies and their JCRs.

The JCR believes:

We should support artistic endeavours and the artistic development of JCR members

The JCR resolves to:

Give £50 to Picnic Productions from the JCR.

Proposer and Seconder:

Valerie Mann, Ben Owen-Range

POI:

- Running motion by again since lots of production companies requesting money in last meeting

In attendance: 32

In favour: 32

Against: 0

Abstained: 0

MOTION PASSED

4. Action motions for debate asking for funding

Motion 1: Motion to Support Ramadan 2026 Community Dinner

The JCR notes:

I. Ramadan is one of the most important months in the Islamic calendar, centred around fasting, reflection, charity, and community.



II. Daily iftars (the breaking of the fast at sunset) are a core communal practice during Ramadan, bringing people together across backgrounds, cultures, and beliefs.

III. Open and subsidised iftars play a crucial role in ensuring that Muslim students—particularly those from low-income, international, or underrepresented backgrounds—can fully participate in Ramadan without financial or social barriers.

IV. Community iftars also provide an important opportunity for non-Muslim students to engage, learn, and build meaningful connections, strengthening interfaith understanding and inclusivity within the college.

V. Previous Ramadan events organised by OUISoc and college communities have seen strong attendance and positive feedback, demonstrating clear demand and impact.

VI. Hosting regular, accessible iftars to a high standard requires advance planning and financial support, particularly to ensure dietary requirements, accessibility, and affordability are met.

The JCR believes:

I. Supporting Ramadan iftars aligns strongly with the JCR's commitment to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion by recognising and materially supporting the religious and cultural needs of Muslim students. II. Community iftars foster belonging, wellbeing, and solidarity, particularly during an academically demanding term, and contribute to a more cohesive and compassionate college environment. III. JCR funding should be used to support initiatives that directly enhance student welfare and promote inclusive community-building.

The JCR resolves to provide a grant of **£150** to support **Ramadan 2026 community iftars**, with funds contributing towards food, venue costs, and logistical arrangements to ensure that iftars are accessible, inclusive, and welcoming to all students

Proposer and seconder:

Yasmin Al-Kalbani and Maryam Omar

POI:

- Full course meal for everyone who attends
- Providing dinner every day
- Most important month for Muslims, about community
- Often first Ramadan away from home, open to all
- Difficult to organise studying as well as eating

In attendance: 32

In favour: 32

Against: 0

Abstaining: 0

MOTION PASSED

5. Action motions for debate not asking for funding

None.

6. Statement motions for debate

None.

7. Items for discussion

None.