



## Keble College JCR General Meeting Agenda Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Week TT13

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### Order of Business:

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Officers' Reports
3. Motions
4. Any other Business

### Motion One: Funding for Edinburgh Fringe Production

This JCR notes that:

- As shown by the success of Keble Arts Week, and other student productions, the Arts and in particular Theatre Shows are a very important part of Society
- The cost of putting on a theatre show is often very high, and impossible to cover from students' personal funds
- Grants from Production Companies and other sources are very competitive
- This JCR has a lot of capital that could be used by the student population for the arts
- A Keble student and JCR Member is taking part in a show which will be shown in Oxford, London, and at the Edinburgh Fringe

This JCR believes that:

- No students should be prevented from taking part in Theatre and the Arts purely for financial reasons

This JCR therefore resolves to:

- Offer Ba-Laylah productions a pro-rata loan of £800 to cover advance costs for their production of `Midnight at the Rue Morgue` at the Edinburgh Fringe, such as lighting equipment hire, costumes, marketing material, props and scenery.

Proposed by: Samuel Littlely

Seconded by: Joe Fowler

### Motion Two: TedX Charities Motion:

This JCR notes:

- TEDxOxford is a nonprofit organising Oxford's annual independent TEDx conference.
- TEDxOxford brings together the world's best speakers with Oxford's young and bright.
- TEDxOxford 2012 was a huge success: it sold out and raised about £1,700 for charity.
- TEDxOxford 2013 will, once more, bring the world's most amazing speakers to Oxford.

- TEDxOxford needs access to early funding so that it can start planning the next conference.

This JCR believes:

- Promoting the intellectual exchange of ideas and access to education is a good cause.
- People should not have to pay a ridiculous \$6,000 to attend a TED conference (TEDxOxford tickets sold at £10 last year).

This JCR resolves to:

- Donate £200 to the cause of TEDxOxford.
- Support TEDxOxford by mentioning it in a college newsletter closer to the conference.

Proposed by: Xan Varcoe

Seconded by: Gargie Ahmad (charities and donations)

### **Motion Three: Charity Motion: London Triathlon for UNICEF**

This JCR notes that:

- UNICEF is a registered charity and the world's leading organisation focusing on children and child rights.
- This summer Jacob Wedderburn-Day is running (&swimming/cycling) the London Triathlon as an opportunity to raise money for UNICEF.
- All the money fundraised by his participation in the London Triathlon will go to UNICEF's emergency and development work to help as many children as possible get a good start to life. This includes promoting education, health & sanitation, fair treatment and freedom.

This JCR believes that:

- UNICEF does crucial work all around the world to make a difference to the lives of young people.
- It is important to recognise the sporting achievements of its members and to support fundraising efforts for a worthwhile cause.

This JCR resolves to:

- Donate £200 to Jacob Wedderburn-Day's fundraising for UNICEF, by online donation to his fundraising page, the hyperlink to which is given below
- (<http://fundraise.unicef.org.uk/MyPage/Jacob-Wedderburn-Day-London-Triathlon-for-UNICEF>)

Proposed by: Jacob-Wedderburn-Day

Seconded by: Gargie Ahmad (charities and donations)

### **Motion Four: JCR Leavers Talbot Fund Contribution**

This JCR notes that:

1. The College is a charity and is therefore reliant on donors for much of its income.
2. It is the College's aim to provide the best facilities of the highest standard to all current

and future students.

3. All members of this JCR are matriculated members of Keble College for life.

4. The Talbot Fund is an annual fund generated from donations which is used by College to provide most of the facilities and financing that are currently available to the students.

5. Since the Talbot Fund was established in 2002 it has provided:

- 76 Room Refurbishments
- 1 Pipe Organ for the Chapel
- 1 Hall restoration - nearly complete.
- 730 Bursaries
- 91 Scholarships
- 96 Plays
- 308 Music Recitals & Masterclasses
- 14 Cuppers wins
- 8 Rowing blades

6. Each year the size of the student body at Keble grows, placing extra demand on the College's resources.

7. When we first came to College each student deposited a £150 in 'Caution Money' which is returned to us at the end of our last Trinity Term.

This JCR believes that:

1. Without the Talbot Fund our times at Keble would have been much the poorer, both in experience and financially.
2. The continued reputation of Keble College as a centre of excellence in academia and extra-curricular activities is important to our futures.
3. We owe it to future Keblites to ensure that they get as good an experience as we got.

This JCR therefore resolves to:

1. Each gift £20 to the Talbot Fund through each member's last battels instalment (in our third or fourth Trinity Term, depending on course length) by deducting it from the £150 'Caution Money' deposited with College.
2. To adopt the proposals as set out in the appended document ('Talbot Society Proposal/Info for JCR Members) and agree to its terms - including the individual opt-out clause and membership to the Talbot Society.

Proposer: James Newton

Secunder: Luka Boeskens

### **Motion Five: Gerard's retirement:**

This JCR notes that:

1. Gerard, after long and faithful service to Keble, is retiring at the end of this academic year.
2. Gerard has worked tirelessly to ensure that JCR Members are well catered for.

This JCR believes that:

1. It would be appropriate to make a gesture of the JCR's great appreciation for Gerard in the form of a retirement present.

2. It is important for the JCR to recognise the hard work that college staff undertake on our behalf.

This JCR therefore resolves to:

1. Mandate the JCR President, with the input of the JCR Committee, to purchase a retirement present for Gerard, funded by the discretionary spend.
2. Mandate the JCR President to report back to the JCR with news of the purchase.

Proposed by Basil Vincent

Seconded by James Nottage

### **Motion Six: Cheltenham Open Door**

This JCR notes that:

1. Cheltenham Open Door is a charity that supports the homeless people of Cheltenham, through providing some of the things we take for granted such as hot meals, shower facilities and telephone access. More information can be found at [www.cheltenhamopendoor.org.uk](http://www.cheltenhamopendoor.org.uk)

This JCR believes that:

1. This cause is a worthwhile cause and should be supported

This JCR therefore resolves to:

1. Donate £200 to Cheltenham Open Door

Proposed by: John Harkness

Seconded by: Gargie Ahmed

### **Motion Seven: PS3 in the Bar**

This JCR notes that:

1. The bar does not currently have a PS3.
2. The current TV in the bar does not have an HDMI cable.

This JCR believes that:

1. The bar would benefit financially from the addition of a PS3 due to the increase in visitors.
2. Members of the JCR deserve to maintain their gaming skills during term time and currently do not have the opportunity to do so.
3. The addition of a PS3 gives rise to possible gaming events such as a Keble world cup FIFA competition. Certificate for winner.

This JCR therefore resolves to:

1. Purchase a PS3 console (slim mod, 12 GB, one controller included) for the bar for £150.
2. Purchase 3 extra consoles at £20 each.
3. Purchase 3 games (for now), a survey of which ones to buy to be emailed round. To be

used free of charge by visitors to the bar.

4. ALL on the basis that a new TV is purchased which has an HDMI cable. Talks are going ahead between the bar sub-committee and the domestic bursar on Wednesday as to who will pay for this.

Proposed by Ellie Hinde

Seconded by Charlie Metcalfe

### **Motion Eight: Prostate Cancer UK Donation**

This JCR notes that:

1. Prostate Cancer UK is a national charity that does outstanding work in researching treatments for prostate cancer, and providing support for the families of patients.
2. 37,000 men are diagnosed each year in the UK, and there is no way of knowing who prostate cancer might affect until it does.
3. We raise a large sum of money for the charity every November, but that charities need help with funding throughout the year.
4. Prostate Cancer UK is one of the charities nominated by Oxford RAG to receive donations from their charity skydive.

This JCR believes that:

1. We should maintain our support for Prostate Cancer UK all year, so that they can continue to carry out their work.
2. As the RAG charity skydive is on Wednesday of 2nd Week, this would be an excellent time to show support; a member of this JCR is taking part in the jump for Prostate Cancer UK.

This JCR therefore resolves to:

1. Make a donation of £150 to the charity Prostate Cancer UK, by way of making a donation for that amount to the fundraising campaign of Andrew Hall's RAG skydive.

Proposed by Andrew Hall

Seconded by Gargie Ahmed

### **Motion Nine: Washing Machine Website**

This JCR notes that:

- I previously created a website, arethefuckingwashingmachinesworking.com to allow communal tracking of the washing machine status.
- Said website achieved an astonishing number of likes on the Keble Noticeboard Facebook page when it was announced.
- The website has been underused since its creation.

This JCR believes that:

- Frustration over broken washing machines and dryers is a source of stress to members of the JCR.
- The website would be better used if it was further publicised by the JCR
- It would be best for users of the website if there was a way to update and/or check it from the laundry room there and then

This JCR therefore resolves to:

- Mandate the IT rep to add a link to the website to the JCR webpage
- Buy a cheap tablet to allow access to the website from the laundry room, along with appropriate measures to secure it.

Proposed by: Josh Holland

Seconded by: David Owen