



# Education in Focus at John's

Easter Term 19

## Key Easter Term Events

- **Meeting of Teaching Fellows** There will be a special Meeting of Teaching Fellows to be held on Wednesday 8 May to discuss the College's Strategic Education Plan
- **Congregations:** 27 April, 18 May (MA Day), 26 June (General Admission), 19 July
- **Early exam period:** 8 April – 17 May
- **Main exam period:** 20 May – 14 June

## Update on Events which took place last term

### Lady Margaret Intellectual Connections Event:

The event "Brave New World: Overcoming Climate Change from Every Angle" was very well attended and brilliantly organised by the winning team of students. Four Fellows (Prof Richard Friend, Prof Jane Heal, Prof Andy Woods and Ms Helen Murley) all gave impressive talks at the event. We hope to have many more of these events in years to come.

### SBR Graduate Research Symposium

This symposium, organised by our graduate students, took place on 2 February. It was a great success and a credit to our graduate students. Prof Máire Ní Mhaonaigh gave a fascinating keynote address.

### Travel Awards & UARPs Conference: 11 March, 1

This conference took place on 11 March and involved presentations by a range of students who received Travel Award & UARP funding from College last year. The talks highlighted the useful, transferable skills that the students have developed for their future careers.



### Key deadlines coming up

- **UARPs and Summer Bursaries:** 2 May 2019 closing date for applications / 17 May 2019 closing date for references
- **McMahon Law Studentships:** 30 June 2019

### Subject Activities

The Economics Society invited a Johnian alumna, Tammy Holmes, to be the speaker at their annual dinner on 24 April. Ms. Holmes is currently serving as a Deputy Director for the Department of International Trade after many years of successful work in the private sector. This event was a fantastic opportunity to highlight career development opportunities to our students in the private and public sectors while at the same time showing how women (and mothers) can progress their careers to high levels of responsibility.



There were some very successful **Subject-specific get-togethers** in Lent term: Education Dinner, Theology-Philosophy lunch, Theology drinks & dessert, ASNC supper, Architecture & History of Art Tea & Cake, and an Economics Festival.

**Subject Review Meetings** due to take place this term are Linguistics and Chemical Engineering.

### Studentships

**Extension of the St John's College Studentships** Following a number of proposals and many hours of collaborative work, it was with true excitement that we announced the extension of the St John's College Studentships to include students from middle-income households. Home and EU students with a household income up to £25,000 are still eligible for the full St John's College Studentship of £6,810. Students with a household income between £25,000 and £42,620 per annum are eligible to receive a non-repayable grant between £100 and £6,810 calculated on a means-tested basis. It is expected that more than 20 students will benefit from this scheme in the current academic year.

## Exchange Programmes

- A group of 6 students will visit Japan for two weeks in July and they will be hosted by **Nagoya University**.
- 2 students will do a 10-week research project at **Caltech** (California Institute of Technology).
- 2 groups of students will take part in the **China Exchange**. The 1<sup>st</sup> group in April and the 2<sup>nd</sup> group in September. Those coming to us will come in July/August.
- We have students going to the National University of **Singapore** in July.
- Our students will be going to **Georgetown University** in July / August.



## International Prizes / Scholarships

- Alejandro Lemus Gomez, who has a degree in Philosophy from Young Harris College in Georgia US, has been awarded a full **Davies-Jackson Scholarship** to study for a BA (Affil) degree in MML starting in MT 2019.
- Hannah Quek, an offer holder for Geography, has been awarded the **Singapore Academic Award**.
- Three students from Hong Kong have been awarded a **Hong Kong Scholarship**.

## Admissions / Offer Holders

A **STEP workshop** was held for the Maths Offer Holder candidates in March, and was very successful.

The **Offer Holders Open Day** took place on 16<sup>th</sup> March.

We received a bumper crop of applications (more than in previous years) from students applying to **Management Studies** for 19/20 entry. College interviews were held on 20 April.

**Mathematics Summer School for Girls** With the very generous support of the Annual Fund we are organising a Mathematics Summer School for Girls in the College from 12<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> of August. The school will have 20 participants with half of them coming from the UK and the other half coming from all over the world, as far as Japan and Southern Africa. With this exciting initiative we are intending to motivate more girls to consider studying Mathematics at Cambridge and at St John's.

## Enabling Excellent Academic Performance

**Study Skills** - Dr Leake has been providing advice on study skills, particularly in subjects involving the sciences and mathematics, to individual undergraduates and groups for most of the past decade. He was joined five years ago by Professor Heal, who advises undergraduates in the Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities. Their advice covers issues such as motivation, time management, essay planning and research, and Tripos preparation.

**College Progress Tests** were held in January: 22 subjects took part (two more than 17-18) and of those taking part ten subjects included their second year students and two included their third year students.

## Innovation & Development Workshop

This new exciting workshop will provide: (i) entrepreneurship theory and practical work, (ii) personal and team skills, (iii) the development of a business plan to solve a problem that addresses UN Sustainable Development Goals

It is hoped that this workshop will encourage students to consider a wider range of career options as alternatives to academia, consultancy or finance. With the range of entrepreneurship opportunities available in the university for science-based subjects, we are especially interested in attracting students reading arts & humanities on the Johnian programme.

The programme, designed for 12 to 15 students, will run for 7 days in the week that precedes the start of term (30 Sept – 6 Oct). We will be looking for motivated students who would enjoy and benefit from this programme from which to select a diverse and energetic first cohort. Further details about the application process will be sent out this term.

## New Colleagues

We welcome new colleagues to the College:

- **Dr Chris Cleaver** - CTA in Engineering.
- **Kayleigh Dunn** - Admissions Office Assistant.