



Education in Focus at John's

Lent Term 20

Key Lent Term Events

- **Education Forum: 5th February, 12:15 – 14:00, Lightfoot Room.**
Undergraduate and Graduate Admissions at St John's: The 2019 round in context
- **Lady Margaret Intellectual Connections Event: 14th February 12:30 – 18:00, Palmerston Room.**
A lot On Our Plate: Food Security in the 21st Century
This Conference is being run by the students who won this year's Intellectual Connections Competition. The event is open to all (admission is free, no need to book). For more information please see: <https://www.joh.cam.ac.uk/2020-lady-margaret-beaufort-intellectual-connections-conference-lot-our-plate>
- **Graduate Research Symposium: Saturday 29th February, Main Lecture Theatre, Old Divinity School.**
The Graduate Research Symposium is a full-day event which aims to showcase the research undertaken by the graduate students at St John's, provide a platform to recognize students for their work and to provide an opportunity to communicate their research to a wider audience and provide a networking opportunity for students and staff. All staff and students are welcome at the event, and lunch/refreshments will be provided on the day. For more details <http://sbr.soc.srcf.net/symposium/>

Prizes, Scholarships & Studentships

- 123 St John's College Studentships have been awarded to students with household income up to £42,620. 88 of these students have received a Studentship at the highest rate, which is £7,100 for the academic year 2019-20. The total amount awarded is £750,000.
- 15 undergraduate students with Overseas / EU fee status have received top-up funding with a St John's Bursary.
- International scholarships: 7 American, 1 South African and 4 Hong Kong undergraduates are in receipt of scholarships to cover part or all of the cost of their studies.

Exchanges

- 116 applications have been submitted for exchange programmes with Caltech, NUS, Georgetown, Pavia, Heidelberg, Nagoya and the China-UK Development Centre (CUDC).
- Visiting students from the Nagoya University in Japan will be in College between 29 February and 14 March.

Key Data / Facts and Figures

- St John's welcomed 181 new Undergraduates and 104 Graduate students new to St John's in October 2019. In addition, 36 Johnians (both former undergraduates and those who had been on a one-year graduate course) returned in October to commence new courses.
- 88 Scholars were admitted to the Foundation in November.
- 210 students sat College Progress Tests in January 2020.
- 497 Graduate Applications were received for entry in October 2019.

Graduate Matters

- The College Matriculation Ceremony for Graduate Freshers took place on Friday 11th October in the Old Library, prior to the Dinner for New Graduate Students. Professor Whitmarsh, as Vice-Master, greeted the new students individually.





- St. John's participated in the University's Postgraduate Open Day, as usual. The Tutor for Graduates and the Graduate Administrator held a drop-in session in the Central Hall of the Old Divinity School during the morning of Friday 1st November. There was a very good response from the current Graduate Student population when they were asked to help at the event and the visitors enjoyed talking to the Current Graduate Student Volunteers about life in St. John's.

Other Announcements

- The Travel Exhibitions and Grants competition will be advertised to students in the week of 17th February with a deadline on 23rd March 2020.
- The competitions for Undergraduate Academic Research Projects and Summer Bursaries will be advertised to students in the week of 9th March with a deadline on 7th May 2020.
- Student Services continue to develop an online Learning and Research Fund Application System.
- Congregations will take place on 22nd February; 21st March and 25th April 2020.

New/ Returning Colleagues

- **Dr Isabelle Roland** joins the College as a new Fellow in Economics. Previously, Dr Roland was a Career Development Fellow in the Economics Department at the University of Oxford and Somerville College. She received her BSc in Economics at the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium, and her PhD at the London School of Economics and Political Science. Her current research is focused on the impact of financial factors on productivity and growth at the firm level and their consequences for aggregate economic performance. She also works on management practises and trade in financial services. Prior to her PhD, Isabelle worked in the Economic Consulting practice of LECG where she worked on a number of projects on regulatory and competition economics for clients in the telecommunications, utilities, and financial sectors. She also worked as a Research Analyst at the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development covering Central and Eastern Europe.
 
- **Dr Caterina Pello** joins us as an External DoS for Philosophy. Dr Pello finished her PhD in Ancient Philosophy in Cambridge in June 2018 and last year was a postdoc at Humboldt University Berlin. She is now a Bye Fellow at Downing and the Philosophy DoS at Downing and St John's.
 
- **Cei Whitehouse** returns to the College as Academic Administrator following his secondment at Jesus College.
- **Stephanie Kingsnorth** returns to the Student Services Office following her Maternity Leave.

And Finally

- Thanks to the outgoing JCR Co-Presidents, Oliver Barnard and Anusha Ashok who did a wonderful job in their roles.



And welcome to incoming Co-Presidents, Tim d'Aboville and Candela Louzao Carabel.

