



## JCR Open Meeting Easter 2025

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**We have a quorum.**

### **Discussion on financial grants with Dr Carleton-Paget (Acting Senior Tutor)**

- Wanted to respond to concerns from the student body about the process of application for a grant and the application itself.
- Peterhouse is a charity and receives nearly all the money dedicated to hardship funds from donations and endowment. Showing bank account history for the past 3 months is not snooping but Peterhouse trying to perform its legal duties as a charity to distribute money that has been donated/is part of the endowment.
- There is an option for grants and loans in emergency situations of financial hardship as well.
- Where need arises, students should go to their tutor. In any case, your tutor will represent you in the grants committee. The more information your tutor has, the better they can represent you in front of the committee.
- Aim of the form is not meant to deter, it is meant to ensure that Peterhouse is discharging their duties properly.

### **Questions**

- On wording of the form: if someone wants to send recommendations for the application form, write to/approach Dr Carleton-Paget.

<b>Motion 1</b>	For a dartboard in the JCR.	<b>Passed</b>
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- KH (on behalf of HH): Merton has one.
  - Where would it go? Fixed on the wall so that it does not get moved around where it would not be safe to be.
  - Health and safety? Corkboard behind.
  - AMALS is supposed to be dealing with maintaining the JCR, so they would be responsible for maintaining the relevant equipment.

23 ayes. 1 no. 2 abstain. **Motion passes.**

<b>Motion 2</b>	For a cable machine to be purchased and put in the Peterhouse gym. The current layout in the gym is space-inefficient and equipment can easily be moved around to accommodate a small multi-purpose cable rack. A cable machine is also not expensive, yet dramatically expands the variety of exercises that can be performed in the gym. Cable machines are user-friendly and accessible for people of all fitness levels, from beginners to advanced lifters. They provide a safer alternative to free weights	<b>Passed</b>
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- How would we make space for the cable machine? The layout allows for one.
- Who would fund it? JCR would ask college to buy it, college (not JCR) manages the gym anyway. If the motion passes, it would be proposed in Michaelmas at the next relevant committee meeting.

20 ayes. 0 noes. 5 abstains. **Motion passes.**

<b>Motion 3</b>	For college to provide heating in Easter Term when temperature is below a certain level (eg. 20 degrees).	<b>Failed</b>
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- SM: If you prove that the temperature in your room is below 16C, college will give you an individual space heater. Also, college can turn on/off heating in specific rooms.
- 20C is a bit high of a threshold.
- Some rooms have persistent issues but you have to return the heater at the end of every term.
- Should we get a JCR thermometer to help students prove how cold it is in their room?

8 ayes. 9 noes. 3 abstains. **Motion fails.**

<b>Motion 4</b>	For the college to provide a daily halal meat option in the servery, achieved by sourcing some meats (e.g. chicken) exclusively from halal suppliers.	<b>Not voted</b>
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- SM: Peterhouse is the only college to not have any halal meat in the servery. College usually gives out the vegetarian option if you request for a halal meal. Giving students requesting the halal option the vegetarian one instead is a contravention of the college's multi-faith policy, and it keeps becoming an issue.
- Costs similarly to non-halal meat. SM reached out to head chefs in different colleges: all chicken/lamb is halal by default for convenience as opposed to having both halal and non-halal meat options.
- 88% of halal meat in the UK is stunned slaughter and other colleges buy it from approval bodies that only certify stunned meat.
- Would be helpful to the Senior Tutor who can show to the relevant committee that students would not object to halal meat.

Motion was only debated during the Open Meeting, to be voted later online.

**Meeting adjourned.**