



# The Policy Document of the John's Common Room

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## **I. Snogging and Petting Policy**

This JCR Resolves as a Matter of Policy:

1. To give authority to the Bar Officer on duty to direct that two pints of water are to be thrown, poured or otherwise transferred, by him/herself, or another member of bar staff, over any people that are deemed by the Bar Officer to be engaged in snogging or petting while in the bar or overspill during licensed hours. A verbal warning must be given if the sign directed by this policy is not displayed, or is obscured on a long-term basis; otherwise, the giving of warnings is at the discretion of the Bar Officer on duty.
2. To place a clearly visible sign of the form 'No Bombing, No Ducking, No Petting' informing customers of this policy in the bar.

*Created: Epiphany 1998*

*Last ratified: Easter 2011*

*Ratification due: Easter 2014*

## **II. Ethical Purchasing Policy**

This is the Ethical Policy of St. John's College JCR. It informs our choice of partners and suppliers:

Human Rights:

We seek to support the principles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. In line with this, we will not associate with: - any business which fails to uphold basic human rights within its sphere of influence - any business whose links to an oppressive regime are a continuing cause for concern.

The Arms Trade:

We will not associate with any business involved in: - the manufacture or transfer of armaments to oppressive regimes - the manufacture of torture equipment or other equipment that is used in the violation of human rights.

Corporate Responsibility:

In line with the Fundamental International Labour Organisation Convention, it would be preferable to associate with businesses which take a responsible position with regard to: - fair trade - labour rights in their own operations and through their supply chains.

Animal Welfare:

We will not associate with any business involved in: - factory farming methods, for example, caged egg production - blood sports, which involve the use of animals or birds to catch, fight or kill each other - the fur trade.

Student Consultation:

We will annually reappraise the JJCR's views on these and other issues and seek to develop our Ethical Policy accordingly. On occasion, we will make decisions on specific business, involving ethical issues not included in our Ethical Policy.

Fair Trade:

We will continue to ensure that there is a provision of fairly traded tea and coffee in College and to explore with College other possibilities of developing College use of fairly traded products.

*Created: Unknown.*

*Last ratified: Michaelmas 2009*

*Ratification due: Michaelmas 2012*

### **III. 3rd World Debt Policy**

This JCR Resolves as a Matter of Policy:

1. To support any motion at DSU regarding the cancellation of unpayable 3rd world debt.

*Created: Epiphany 2000*

*Last ratified: Easter 2011*

*Ratification due: Easter 2014*

### **IV. Residence Charge Increases Policy**

This JCR Resolves as a Matter of Policy:

1. To negotiate with the College Officers on which projects shall be funded from any real-terms increase in income resulting from a rise in residence charge, giving preference to the areas identified by a survey of JCR members.
2. To oppose any rise in residence charge greater than that considered acceptable by this meeting according to the responses to the above survey, and to attempt through all available channels to mandate DSU's negotiating team to use this definition of acceptable in their negotiations.
3. To repeat this survey on an annual basis, if the JCR Executive and/or the JCR consider it useful or necessary.

*Created: Epiphany 2001*

*Reintroduced: Easter 2011*

*Ratification due: Easter 2014*

### **V. Top-Up Fees Policy**

This JCR Resolves as a Matter of Policy:

1. To oppose any above inflation increases in top-up fees.

*Created: Michaelmas 2002*

*Last ratified: Easter 2011*

*Ratification due: Easter 2014*

### **VI. Student Finances Policy**

This JCR Resolves as a Matter of Policy:

1. To oppose any increase in Hidden Course Costs, and to call for greater transparency on these issues.
2. To press the university to make available the appropriate number of bursaries in light of increasing costs and to ensure these are widely publicised.

*Created: Michaelmas 2002*

*Last ratified: Easter 2011*

*Ratification due: Easter 2014*

## **VII. Communal Shirt Policy**

This JCR Resolves as a Matter of Policy:

1. To entrust sports captains to look after their communal sports kits, making the communal kits relevant to their team, their responsibility.
2. To deduct the value of any kits found to be missing at the end of the term, from the relevant team's part 1 budget in the following term. The value will be decided by the Treasurer, based upon receipts from the original spending, and cannot be disputed.
3. To place the financial responsibility of loss of damage to kit with the relevant sports team, who may choose to offset this cost through sponsorship or through funding from within the team.

*Created: Michaelmas 2003*

*Last Ratified: Michaelmas 2009*

*Ratification due: Michaelmas 2012*

## **VIII: Poster Policy**

This JCR Resolves as a Matter of Policy:

1. To ensure that all posters are dated with a removal time.
2. To encourage posters to be put on the correct notice boards.
3. To remove posters from doors and walls and either move to the appropriate notice board or recycle.
4. To apply this to all JCR members in all situations (including election campaigns, Exec posters, etc.) and to all external organisations with no exceptions.

*Created: Michaelmas 2006*

*Last ratified: Michaelmas 2009*

*Ratification due: Michaelmas 2012*

## **IX: Conferences Policy**

This JCR Resolves as a Matter of Policy to:

1. To mandate the Executive Committee to seek general assurances from the College Officers in accordance with this motion, and specifically that:
  - a. An adequate time period is kept free following the end of term to allow students to stay if required (and especially after Graduation Week) before conferences are booked.
  - b. During Exam Quiet, there will be no conferences.
  - c. Rooms such as the Bailey Room, the Cranmer Common Room (without prior, written consent of the CCR President) and the Vasey Room are kept free for student use during term.

*Created: Easter 2007*

*Last ratified: Easter 2011*

*Ratification due: Easter 2014*

## **X: Mandated Attendance at Finance Committee Policy**

This JCR resolves as a Matter of Policy to:

1. Mandate the attendance of a proposer or seconder to a Motion for Spending at the Finance Committee it is discussed at and the JCR meeting at which it is discussed.

*Created: Michaelmas 2008*

*Last Ratified: Easter 2011*

*Ratification due: Easter 2014*

### **XI: Post Policy**

The JCR resolves as a matter of policy:

1. To mandate JCR officers to act in line with this policy pursuing the following aims:
  - i. Individual pigeon holes
  - ii. Improved security
  - iii. The possibility of distribution of post by college staff
  - iv. The removal of the position of post rep contingent on the fulfilment of the aforementioned aims

*Created: Easter 2009*

*Ratification due: Easter 2012*

### **XII: Motion of Policy Regarding Mandatory 38 Week Lets**

This JCR resolves as a Matter of Policy:

1. To mandate the JCR President and the rest of the JCR Executive Committee to fight the adoption of mandatory 38 week lets in St John's College, subject to beliefs 5 and 6. If, at such a time as it is not possible for College to refrain from adopting mandatory 38 week lets for freshers, the JCR Executive Committee should search for a means of opting out of the holiday let upon the Fresher's arrival in Durham.

*Created: Epiphany 2011*

*Ratification Due: Epiphany 2014*