

# **BRASENOSE COLLEGE JCR**

## **All things JCR**

### ***What is the JCR?***

The JCR (or Junior Common Room) is the collective of current undergraduate students at Brasenose College. There is also a physical JCR, which is a room in college available for all members of the JCR to use. The room has couches, a pool table, a TV, a PS5 and video games, and a big collection of boardgames!

### ***What is a JCR meeting?***

A meeting held every two weeks, where issues concerning the JCR are discussed. They are not compulsory, but there's free pizza and an opportunity to affect change in your own Oxford experience, and that of other current and future students. At these meetings, any member of the JCR is able to propose and vote on motions which they think will help improve Brasenose and continue to make us the happiest college in Oxford. Motions can be big or small. Past motions have involved asking for funding for an ice cream sundae party to our 40th Anniversary project celebrating women at Brasenose to a new PS5, so the choices of what to motion are really endless. If you are unable to attend a meeting, minutes are taken by the JCR secretary and emailed to every member of the JCR so everyone is aware of what motions have been discussed and passed.

### ***When and where are the JCR meetings held?***

JCR meetings are held in the physical JCR (in the corner of New Quad, the largest quad, with signs pointing towards it!), on Sundays at 8:30pm, although you might want to get there earlier to get the free pizza and grab a good seat!

### ***How do I propose a motion?***

Every two weeks, the JCR secretary will announce a call for motions by email to every member of the JCR. Anyone can submit a motion, as long as it is seconded by another member of the JCR. The deadline for motions is 4 days before the JCR meeting. There is a detailed outline of how to write and format a motion, which is sent out with each call for motions. If you have any queries on how to write a motion you can also email the JCR secretary (Rabyha) for help at [jcr-secretary@bnc.ox.ac.uk](mailto:jcr-secretary@bnc.ox.ac.uk) or drop a message on Facebook. Once you have submitted your motion to the JCR Secretary, just show up to the next JCR meeting and tell everyone what your motion is and why it should pass. There is a motion budget of up to £250 per motion, so get thinking about any motions that you may wish to pass!

## ***How do I vote on JCR motions?***

Every member of the JCR can vote on all motions, as long as they show up to the meeting. A motion will be proposed, any member of the JCR is then able to ask questions regarding the motion to gather more information. The JCR president will then call for a vote, and you simply vote on whether you want the motion to pass or not. At least 30 people must be present for a vote to be called, and if there is a majority in favour the motion will pass.

## ***What is the JCR Committee?***

The JCR Committee is the elected representative body, in charge of ensuring the JCR functions throughout the year. Our current JCR committee can be found in the Freshers Pack, along with a little introduction before you meet them in person when you get here! Furthermore, an outline of each of the JCR committee roles and what it entails can be found in the JCR constitution.

<https://brasenosejcr.org/committee-2/constitution/>

## ***How do I become a member of the JCR Committee?***

During Michaelmas term, each member of the JCR will be asked to nominate themselves for a position on the JCR committee if they so desire - the ones shown to you at the start of the freshers guide! You should then write a short manifesto of no more than 150 words outlining why you would be good at the role. At the next JCR meeting, you will then be asked to partake in a hust (a simple 3-minute speech which elaborates on the ideas presented in your manifesto). Members of the JCR will then be able to ask you questions (with a range of silly and more serious questions). You are not allowed to do any external campaigning other than writing your manifesto and your hust. A vote will then be carried out, with every member of the JCR having a vote and the winner of the election will be announced that evening.

We hope this clears up any questions that you may have about the JCR and meetings, but please do not hesitate to get in contact with Rabyha, our JCR secretary ([@jcrsecretary@bnc.ox.ac.uk](mailto:@jcrsecretary@bnc.ox.ac.uk)) or Arjunan, our JCR president ([@jcrpresident@bnc.ox.ac.uk](mailto:@jcrpresident@bnc.ox.ac.uk)) with any questions at all!

