



THIS WEEK

SJCR WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
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President-Elect Update and Strategy Day Survey

Molly Byford



Along with revision, this last week has been a busy and productive SJCR week for me. I have been in discussions with Tier One, attending an exec meeting, reviewing prep applications, starting to arrange my move up to Durham and filling my diary for June with lots of training sessions and events. I have also had some constructive meetings with Joe (President) and Will (VP-Undergrad), the latter of which was exploring ways to encourage bonding within teams and committees virtually. With all the challenges we face, it is incredibly important we can keep a strong community feel and help new teams get to know each other.

I am here to once again encourage you to fill in the **[Strategy Day Survey Form](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdZgLCab_as71zpD_8F2_J2j2VdRaRrNlcpnhxEPXVLowBlyg/viewform)** https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdZgLCab_as71zpD_8F2_J2j2VdRaRrNlcpnhxEPXVLowBlyg/viewform The form is a way for me to get feedback on important areas, both in general terms and on issues that relate to my manifesto. It also allows for you to send in any comments/feedback to the SJCR that you deem important. Strategy Day itself will be on the 9th of June at 9am and is open to all. It is a chance to discuss findings of the survey and explore how the SJCR can move forward to tackle new and existing issues. Directions on how to access the virtual meeting room will be publicised closer to the time. Finally, we are in changing and challenging times, and I hope you are all coping. If any of you are struggling, or just want to chat or to unload issues there are plenty of support networks to access through the SJCR; if you don't want to talk to those in John's, we can also signpost to a variety of other organisations. To those of you who have finished exams: well done! To those of you still going, keep it up; there's not much longer to go. I'm looking forward to the virtual events taking place after exams and I hope to see lots of you there.

EXEC UPDATES

Chair: Benji Etheridge



Aside from finishing my exams, the past few weeks for me have involved chairing an exec meeting (*minutes on SJCR website*) and more work to prepare for our upcoming online SJCR meeting. This has largely entailed getting ready for elections by creating/distributing the election notice. The meeting will be happening at 3pm on 8th June, and there's plenty of great positions you can run for - including Assistant Comms, Vice-Chair, Bailey Wardrobe Manager, and FiComm Rep to name just a few. Running for a position is a really great way to engage with the SJCR and give back to the John's community, so have a look at my email for more info! In the meantime, do be sending in any motions or manifestos to johns.chair@durham.ac.uk (by Mon 1st June at 23:59) and please don't hesitate to get in touch with any questions.

Social Sec: Heidi Scotting

Hey guys, the SEC are really started to get excited for Johns day now, we've got all the classic traditions, including the raft race, although some out of the box thinking was definitely needed for that one! We're also doing a virtual open mic night so if you're a budding performer of any form, shoot me an email on johns.social@durham.ac.uk or just send me a Facebook message and I'll give you the details. Please make sure you're following the Facebook page John's day 2020 so you can watch, listen and join in on the day! More information on [johns_sec](#) (Instagram) and [St John's SEC](#) (Facebook). Along with all the John's day planning, we're also starting to look forward to the virtual leavers Formal happening on the 24th June, but I'll send out all the information you need about that the day after John's day- one event at a time!

Stay safe and have fun x



Head Frep: George Padolsey and Lucy Mainwaring-Parr



We've spent the last couple of weeks finishing exams and assignments, as well as going over Frep Applications. George has created a great new website which allows us to mark each respondents question anonymously. The interviews are being held next weekend and we're really excited to create our new team. We've also been in contact with college regarding hosting a 'get to know your year' virtual session with offer holders, which we're hoping will encourage students to be excited about their new chapter here.

If you've applied to be a frep and have not received an email regarding an interview, please email johns.freshers@durham.ac.uk

NOTICES

Please contact johns.comms@durham.ac.uk or @johns.sjcr on Instagram if you have a notice/event you would like advertised in "This Week".

Chaplain Support

Our College Chaplain, Anna, is available for 1:1 support, prayer and chats. If you wish to arrange a time, get in touch with her, johns.chaplain@durham.ac.uk, she is happy to arrange to meet virtually via Zoom or talk on the phone.



John's Day 2020 - Wednesday 10th June

Save the date for John's Day: 'John's in the Matrix - a virtual party'. This year John's Day will be taking place through the Facebook page "John's Day 2020" with videos, music challenges and games running throughout the day. Give the page a 'like' and check it out on the day.



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John's Day Open Mic: SEC are calling all students, alumni and staff to submit video performances, whether it be karaoke, stand-up or playing an instrument, to be played at the virtual Open Mic. Submit it to St John's SEC on Facebook or Social Sec, Heidi Scotting.

College Communion

College worship is held on Tuesday at 19:00 on the St John's College YouTube channel. The service this week is a special Community Celebration of rejoicing in Christ and will take place live via Zoom. The joining link for Zoom will be emailed out later this week and posted on social media. Bring something nice to eat to enjoy with everyone as part of the service.

