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EDITORIAL

Hi all,

Another week, another heap of great opportunities up for grabs, including an internship in Shanghai, a psychological study involving a 'Stroop' colour test, and all kinds of balls.

Also featuring: a taster of the first JCR 2015 meeting (full minutes available online), and an interview with the college bursar, Andrew Powell.

So enjoy, and as usual have a goat-ally awesome week two!

Zoe

A SONG OF ICE AND FITZ

Episode One: Lame of Thrones

King Alex strode into the council meeting room and surveyed the mixture of sweet and sour faces that looked up upon his entrance. One, two, three absent, he noted quietly, and none had sent their apologies. He would decide how to deal with them later. For now though, it was best to push on with the meeting, lest impatience turn the sweet faces sour, and the sour ones sourer still.

“Let’s begin with this meeting room,” he said, easing himself into the throne. “King Phillip’s council proposed several renovations, including a projector, a foosball table, and a board for recording sports results, as well as more wall decorations.”

There was a general hum of assent and a few nods, accompanied by the rapid scratching of quill on parchment as Lady Zoe began her record of the meeting. It would seem no one was willing to be the first to speak, and certainly not in dissent. So much the better. A reticent council would be easier to command.

“Good, let’s move on then. There has been a call for a list of minimum room standards to be drawn up, so citizens know what to expect from their accommodation. Do we have any suggestions?”

That got them talking. Quiet mutterings to begin with, but soon the room was filled with a clamour of stories and suggestions, as everyone tried to get their views heard. King Alex even though he heard a cry for ‘plug socket justice’, but no doubt his ears were playing tricks on him.

As the animated chatter continued, the back door of the council meeting room opened quietly, unseen by all but the King. Standing in the doorway was a stranger—a tall man, with a tangle of black hair and a wild look in his eyes—and for some inexplicable reason, the very sight of him filled King Alex with an unholy dread. The man walked into the centre of the room, and as they saw him, the councillors fell into an uneasy silence. There was no doubt about it. This man meant trouble.

The King was determined not to seem ruffled. “Alright, thank you all for your suggestions. We will make a GoogleDoc and compile everything you’ve said. Let us move on to more important things: our separation from the realm. Grand Chancellor Hoogewerf-McComb has agreed to provide us with an up-to-date report on the benefits and disadvantages of separation. Lord Damiano and I attended the realm’s meeting last week, and found it to be of no interest whatsoever, except that they suggested abolishing a week. We thought this foolish.”

At the mention of the realm and the Grand Chancellor, Lord Damiano was visibly agitated. “The meeting was a joke, a disaster, an outrage. We sat there for three hours, discussing nothing of any import. I used the time to write an article expressing my displeasure.”

The council laughed. King Alex said nothing, but he was inwardly pleased. They were behind the disaffiliation. He was going to win.

The stranger remained where he was, as silent and looming as a spectre of death...

Nanny State

A mind of meetings: this week bursar Andrew Powell talks college, committees and condoms.

What does a typical day as bursar involve?

As Bursar I am responsible for all of the non academic aspects of running the College; in that task I work closely with the Domestic Bursar who takes responsibility for all the day to day activities. I work closely with the Senior Tutor who looks after the academic side, the Master and the Development Director.

There is no such thing as a typical day in the life of the Bursar, although some aspects of the job work to an annual cycle.

Michaelmas Term is dominated by preparation of the annual accounts which are presented to the Governing Body at the end of November, Lent term is student rent discussions, and the Easter term is when the annual budget is put together.

Much of my time during term time is spent in preparing for and attending key Committees. Meetings of the Governing Body happen twice a term (and a final meeting at the beginning of July), and I also attend and present at College Committee, Estates Committee, Tutorial Committee, Executive Trustees of the JMA, Communications Committee, Pension Fund Trustees, Investment Advisory Committee, Development Committee, Audit Committee, Wine Committee and doubtless something else I have forgotten. That adds up to some 50 meetings a year, on top of which I meet weekly with the Master and Senior Tutor and attend meetings of the Bursars Committee and a number of its sub committees. Committees are the way in which the work of the College is done so they are not a chore but they do dominate the term!

Quite a lot of time goes into estates planning - as you know we have two major refurbishment programmes under weigh and these involve regular project meetings with architects, engineers and building contractors as well as members of the Estates Committee. This week I have spent two whole mornings inspecting College rooms both on the College site and in the houses so that we can plan our continuing development and maintenance programme. I have also met a representative of the City Council to discuss cycleways, access and safety.

Once a fortnight the Domestic Bursar and I meet with the presidents of the JCR and MCR to exchange information and address the many practical issues that come up. Most things get resolved in this meeting - we see our jobs as being to create the conditions in which the academic and cultural life of the College can take place as effectively as possible, so we all have in interest in identifying and solving those things that don't quite work well enough. I am also Senior Treasurer of three student societies - Fitztheatre, Mens Rugby and Mens Cricket - all of which I try to support whenever I can.

I am ultimately responsible for over 100 staff who work for the College, and that takes a lot of time too. I spend time each week with each of the Heads of Department who are directly responsible to me and there are always a number of staff issues that need my direct involvement, with meetings etc. I am very well supported in this by the College HR officer.

Apart from that it depends what is happening - over the last week I have spent time meeting artists who may be selected to paint the Master's portrait!

What's the best thing about your job?

- 1) The sheer unpredictability and variety of it; I always say that I never know when I come in to the College in the morning what is going to happen to me that day.
- 2) The sense of being closely involved in something as worthwhile as Fitzwilliam College.
- 3) The friendly and supportive communities in which I work.

What's the worst thing about your job?

The enormous volume of emails and consequent lack of time to devote to some of the big and serious issues. Sometimes I have to make tough decisions which affect individuals..

Do you have any funny stories?

Yes - but not many I can share! I quite often tell of my first term here (Michaelmas 2009) when I was new to the College facing the prospect in six weeks time of presenting to the Governing Body the biggest loss the College had ever made and the entire term was dominated instead by the matter of the condom machine....

Is there anything you wish the students knew?

How hard everyone works behind the scenes to do the right things for our students.

A VIEW FROM THE 'BRIDGE

Money, the environment, and summer opportunities feature prominently in this week's catch, so if you're broke, green, or forward-thinking, keep reading.

Balls

Work at Magdalene:

Magdalene May Ball (Wednesday 17th June) is looking for keen workers to help make the 2015 Ball a fantastic night for everyone. There are several available roles: Bar Worker, General Worker, Fire Marshal, Stage Manager and Clear Up, as well as the possibility of more responsibility in a management position. Unlike at other May Balls there is no 'half-on, half-off' policy, but workers are paid a competitive rate to compensate for this.

Charisma and enthusiasm: these skills will help make the Magdalene May Ball the best night of May Week. Previous experience is useful, but by no means essential. Training will be provided as necessary before the Ball. As well as earning money, workers will also gain experience and have a great night. Applications are now open, and close on 5th February. Interviews will be held between the 13th and 16th February. To apply please complete the online form <http://goo.gl/forms/48Yqp0SGlm> or for more information email me on harry.boteler@magdalenemayball.com <<mailto:harry.boteler@magdalenemayball.com>>

Audition for Queens':

Auditions for Queens' May Ball 2015 will take place on Sunday 25th January. If you would be interested in performing please book an audition slot; https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1CCZy053u_3H_FzFS5cKsxOMfoWZ9c_cYmpe3-l_sBKY/viewform

Audition for Pembroke:

Pembroke May Ball Committee is looking for the most talented Bands, single performers, dancers, magicians, acrobats or groups of any genre to perform at Pembroke May Ball on 17th June 2015. We welcome both Musical and Non-Musical acts to audition and we are looking for as diverse a selection as possible, in order to make this year's May Ball the best yet!

Auditions will be held in Pembroke College on the weekend of 31st January and the weekend of 7th February. To audition please click on the following link that will take you to our website where you can fill out an application form: <http://www.pembrokemayball.co.uk/> and say your attending on our Facebook event. Applicants will be contacted with an audition time in the week before the first audition weekend.

****N.B.** Our Ball takes place on Wednesday 17th June 2015 so please make sure you are available to perform on this date before applying.**

Work at Corpus:

Applications to work at Corpus Christi May Ball are now open!

Corpus Christi is maybe one of the smallest Colleges in Cambridge, but organises one of the most awaited and impressive May Ball. To guarantee a high level of quality and security during the night, we are looking for charismatic and motivated people to join our team. Applications to work for Corpus Christi May Ball are now open! To view the roles available and apply, please go to the Employment section of our website: <http://corpus2015.com/ball/> Applications will close the 4th of February. Then selections for the interviews will be announced mid-February. If you have any question, do not hesitate to send a message to employment@corpus2015.com.

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Eco Etc.

Cambridge Climate & Sustainability Forum:

Cambridge Climate & Sustainability Forum: "Climate Change, Culture Change"

Date and time: Saturday 7th February 2015 9am-5pm

Venue: St. Catharine's College

The Cambridge Climate & Sustainability Forum is an all day event packed full of talks, debates, workshops and discussions. We've got some huge names already confirmed, like Dame Barbara Stocking (ex-CEO of Oxfam) and Stephen Tindale (ex-head of Greenpeace UK.) Through our title "Climate Change, Culture Change" we want you to consider climate change from a new perspective and open your eyes to the wider context and issues linked to climate change.

Our speakers will address its interactions with poverty, governance and economics, as well as participating in a panel discussion on whether capitalism and neoliberal governments are capable of tackling the issue of climate change. The workshop sessions will look at practical ways to encourage much needed change.

Included in the ticket price are morning coffee, lunch and afternoon tea as well as a programme of the day's events. Student tickets are just £10, but they're selling fast so buy yours soon!

Buy tickets here: <http://tinyurl.com/kc8h9zz>
www.cambridgeclimateforum.org

OxFizz Summer School:

Join a summer school with a difference!

OxFizz is a social enterprise raising money for charity by providing educational services. This July and August we are running our fifth summer school in Oxford, and it will be our biggest yet! We are currently recruiting for paid Activities Coordinators to help run afternoon and evening activities for our bright and motivated 15-18 year old students.

If you are interested in working on an innovative and dynamic summer school in Oxford this summer, this could be the ideal programme for you! For more information about how to apply or if you have any questions, please contact georgina.feary@oxfizz.org

Cambridge Development Initiative:

APPLICATIONS OPEN: Cambridge Development Initiative Summer Trip to Dar es Salaam, Tanzania
Applications close Sunday January 25

Do you want to devise your own projects instead of being told what to do during the Summer? How about receive tailored training from expert organisations like Arup, GSK, TeachFirst, and Social Incubator East? Do you want to work with a team of some of the most creative students in Cambridge, critically assess your own decisions, and above all work with partners both in the UK and Tanzania?

Described as offering "something genuinely different," "the most challenging yet rewarding time I have ever experienced," and "a chance for me to actually shape the project," the CDI volunteering trip is your chance to try volunteering differently. You will use your expertise to create a project with local communities and partners. You will decide how to best use your resources and time, and how to maximise the positive impact your project has. Apply for our summer volunteering trip and four projects in Education, Engineering, Entrepreneurship, and Health here: bit.ly/cdi2015

EcoHouse Summer Placements in Ecuador and Brazil:

Every year the EcoHouse Initiative Student Society (<http://students.ecohouseinitiative.org/>) sends two groups of students to Latin America on summer placements for up to 8 weeks. One group goes to Brazil and one to Ecuador. We are now recruiting students to go on placement in the summer of 2015. If you are interested in housing design, surveying, social mapping, working with Raspberry Pis, journalism, or publicity, or simply just want to be involved with one of South America's largest NGOs, please email us to find out more about our summer placements and the work we do in Cambridge throughout the year.

Additionally, if you speak Spanish or Portuguese and would be interested in going on an EcoHouse placement this summer please email us for more information.

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EcoHouse has two main teams: design and communications. The design team works closely with the South American NGO TECHO helping them in designing low cost sustainable housing for people living in poverty across South America. We also have a group of students working on ways to use Raspberry Pi technology to monitor conditions inside houses, and also to help improve education in remote communities across the developing world. The communications team organises events and talks for the society throughout the year. They also have a journalism team, members of which write articles about topics relevant to the work we do in South America (these can be found at <http://students.ecohouseinitiative.org/news/>).

On placement both teams will be working with TECHO to discover the problems they have with their current housing and trying to improve on the designs, as well as doing some research into projects for the society to work on in the coming year. A small information systems team will be implementing our two Raspberry Pi projects and ensuring that they work with the hardware available in Ecuador and Brazil. The communications team will also be tasked with updating blogs and social media to keep everyone back in the UK updated on the work that is being done in Ecuador and Brazil.

Contact: placements@ecohouseinitiative.org

Deadline for applications: 30th January 2015

Cambridge Aspire Society:

Cambridge Aspire Society - Help level the playing field between State and Private School students.

Are you passionate about encouraging State School applicants to apply to university? Do you want to inspire and enable AS students to apply to Cambridge?

Join a growing society and make a difference.

- One-off opportunities to develop a subject-specific programme
- Get involved in a marketing campaign to target schools
- Build a relationship with a student through weekly mentoring

To be added to our mailing list, contact: aspire.cambridge.society@gmail.com And join us on facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/aspirecambridgesociety?fref=ts>

Cam Express in Shanghai:

Looking for invaluable work experience? Want the chance to live, work and explore abroad? Interested in one of the most dynamic economies in the world? If it's a 'yes' to all of the above, a summer at Cam Express in Shanghai and Guangzhou may be perfect for you.

Cam Express is an educational consultancy firm, which aims to support Chinese A-level students with their applications to top British universities and prepare them for student life in the UK. Participating interns provide subject tuition, interview practice and personal statement assistance but, perhaps more importantly, also offer Chinese students the opportunity to network and engage with British-based undergraduates before they embark on a degree in the UK.

Benefits of the scheme include:

- Being based in Shanghai for a period of 8 weeks starting from June 27th 2015
- A travel grant of £600 is offered towards covering flight costs
- Free accommodation is provided
- Generous weekly pay
- Organised weekend entertainment and trips

We are seeking **hard-working, highly motivated** and **enthusiastic** individuals with a **strong academic record**, an **excellent command** of both **written and spoken English** and a desire to **add significant value** to the students and overall programme. Applicants **must** be reading for an undergraduate degree in one of the following subjects:

- Mathematics
- Computer Science
- Economics
- Natural Sciences
- Engineering
- Material Sciences

There are a total of **8 places** available on this programme, ideally with each subject above represented within the intake. Applicants from joint degree programmes such as Land Economy are also welcomed.

If this opportunity appeals to you, please send your CV and a cover letter to camexpressrecruitment@gmail.com by 1st March 2015. Interviews will be held before the end of term. Any questions or simply want to find out more about the programme? Please do get in touch with one of our representatives at tjc62@cam.ac.uk. We look forward to receiving your application.

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Adventurous Education

Adventurous Education is an educational organisation founded by Cambridge alumni in 2014, with an aim to provide the best educational resources for Chinese students and to promote educational exchanges between UK and China. Our Summer Coaching Programme, which lasts for six weeks starting on 13 July 2015, is designed to provide high-performing secondary school students from China with a balance of life coaching, academic tutoring and overseas travelling. With a range of activities including lectures, supervisions, teambuilding exercises, variety performances and various British/Cambridge traditions, the programme's purpose is to engage students in applied learning and to replicate the actual experience of a Cambridge student. Every participant of the programme will also go on field trips to London and Oxford to explore the culture of UK.

APPLY NOW

We are currently recruiting for the following positions in Cambridge: Summer Mentor and Summer Assistant. The ideal candidate we are looking for will have strong passion about education and will take the initiative to develop students as all-round individuals. If you relate well with people, love thinking internationally, and enjoy meaningful, challenging work, come join our team and make your impact today.

JOIN OUR INFORMATION SESSION AT QUEEN'S COLLEGE ON 25 JANUARY 2015:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/554190488017515/?fref=ts>

HOW TO APPLY:

1. Submit our online application form:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1ZcnW5CCC4P4k4OdUX2FmqQO-FTrDY50rAhw5SpzWL9U/viewform>

2. Send us your CV to info@adventurousedu.com

DEADLINE: 24 Feb 2015

(Role descriptions also provided: ask me (jcr.secretary@fitz.cam.ac.uk) if you want them.)

Talks and Studies

CEBEG studies:

Cambridge Experimental and Behavioural Economics Group (CEBEG) Needs You! Get Paid to Help Science!

Who is CEBEG? CEBEG is a research group established to facilitate and advance experimental research in economics, psychology and management at the Cambridge Judge Business School.

What do we do? CEBEG carries out a number of exciting experiments throughout the year and we always need new participants. It is not only fun and a good learning experience to participate in experiments, you also get an average pay of £10 per hour!

Who can take part? Anyone can register to participate in experiments. Register to take part via ORSEE through the following link: <http://bit.ly/1tF9Uaa>. Once registered, you will be added to a mailing list of people happy to receive emails inviting them to take part in experiments. If you have any questions about taking part in experiments please email rw536@jbs.cam.ac.uk or visit our website <http://www.cebeg.group.cam.ac.uk/>. We look forward to seeing you at one of our experiments soon!

Psychological study (with Stroop!):

We are currently running a study on the implicit association test and your implicit preferences regarding flowers versus insects. This study is run by Iva Cek, a third year PhD student from the Psychometrics Centre at the University of Cambridge, and by Dario Krpan, a third year PhD student from the Embodied Cognition lab at the University of Cambridge. The study is comprised of two separate assessments, an implicit association test and a Stroop colour task. As the study depends on being able to differentiate between different colours you will unfortunately not be able to participate if you happen to be colourblind. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. The study is online, can be taken from the comfort of your own home, and should not take longer than 20-30 minutes of your time. Participating in the study and providing us with your e-mail will automatically enter you into a prize draw to win one out of ten £20 Amazon.co.uk vouchers. The study has received ethical approval from the Cambridge Psychology Research Ethics Committee. For any queries or concerns please contact Iva Cek at ic274@cam.ac.uk. If you would like to participate in the study please follow this link: http://cambridge.az1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_exoXgowKDFxNyyj.

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Universal Music Group:

Universal talk – Working in the Commercial Music Industry 28 Jan at 2pm

Utalks give people interested in working in and around music the chance to throw questions – any questions – at people working on the front line of music and hopefully dispel some of the myths around the industry along the way.

A fantastic panel from across many departments at Universal will speak:

- Paul Smernicki, director of digital
- Marc Robinson, MD of Globe (our creative and commercial team)
- Jim Chancellor, MD of Fiction and MD/head of music of Caroline
- Lisa Ward, Fiction label manager
- Jack Fryer, head of insight
- Senior director of communications Selina Webb will intro the session
- Morna Cook, HR director, and Silvia Garguilo, talent acquisition manager, will be there to answer any employment questions.

Universal Music UK - Universal Music UK is the UK's leading music company. The company's labels include Island, Polydor, Virgin EMI and Decca. They are home to successful artists from across the musical spectrum including Take That, Florence + The Machine, Jessie J, Elbow, Lana Del Rey and Emeli Sandé, amongst many others

For more information of venue and to sign up please go to the online diary at www.careers.cam.ac.uk What's On.

The Marshall Society Annual Conference:

This year we are proud to present 'The Power of Policy: Solving Problems and Shaping Futures'. We invite you to join us on Saturday 31st January 2015 for what promises to be a fascinating day of discussion with leading thinkers from business, academia, government and journalism, as they explore the economics which informs both national and international policy decisions.

Esteemed speakers include Vitor Constancio (Vice President of the European Central Bank), Ha Joon-Chang (author of 23 Things They Don't Tell you About Capitalism) and Linda Yueh (Chief BBC Business Correspondent). There also promises to be a lively debate between Lord Skidelsky (Award-winning biographer of Keynes) and Madsen Pirie (Director of the Adam Smith Institute), as well as a number of other fascinating keynote speakers and panel sessions. Our full speaker line-up can be found here: www.marshallconference.com/speakers/

Themes for discussion include:

- Current economic policy in the eurozone and China
- The role of policy in reducing inequality
- The necessary policies for long-term UK growth
- The ideological differences between Keynesian and free-market views on policy

The conference will last from 10:00 till 18:00 on Saturday 31st January 2015. It will be held in the Cambridge Union Building, with free lunch provided for all and refreshments served throughout the day.

Final tickets are still available for £15, which give full-day access to the conference.

Marshall Society members can still purchase tickets at the discounted price of £12.

Tickets can be purchased here: www.marshallconference.com/tickets.php

For more information, see our website: www.marshallconference.com

IS Open Day in February:

Calling students who are:-

- passionate about Information Technology in business
- penultimate or final year
- studying Science, Technology, Engineering or Maths related degree
- predicted / achieved a 2:1 or above degree

Anyone interested in attending this event should e-mail their CV to centrica.grad@centrica.com. You should receive a reply with the full address on where the event is happening. We are also offering up to £100 per person as travel expenses for attendance at this event.

* * * More than half of those who came last year received a job offer from us within one month of the Open Day * * *

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Fitzwilliam Oratorio Project:

Would you like to work with a professional conductor and soloists in Fitzwilliam College? Come and sing Carl Orff's Carmina Burana with conductor Adrian Partington. 8pm. Sunday 15th February 2015, Fitzwilliam Auditorium. Rehearsals Mondays 19th, 26th January, 2nd, 9th February, Sunday 15th February 11-12.30, 2.30-4.45pm.

Cambridge Open Relationship and Non-monogamy Society:

WHAT?: First meeting of alternative relationship styles discussion group. 22nd Jan, 8 - 10pm, Sidgwick Hall, Newnham College. <https://www.facebook.com/events/1509663809272352/>

This term sees the launch of a brand new discussion group, the University of Cambridge Open Relationship and Non-monogamy Society (UniCORNS). We will be hosting open meetups with no strict agenda, for anyone interested in the theory, practicalities, and issues surrounding open relationships, non-monogamy, polyamory, or any other member of the huge family of alternative relationship styles. Instead of speeches and question-and-answer style discussions, we'll be hosting multiple conversations that give everyone more of a chance to engage and contribute. So if you're already a practicing polyamorite, or if you have no idea what this bulletin is even about but want to hear more, come to one of our meetups for informal discussion and socializing.

Our first meetup is called WHAT?. We'll be talking about what exactly alternative relationship styles are, and what the many different terms for them mean. It'll take place on the 22nd January, 8pm, in Sidgwick Hall, Newnham. Latecomers and early leavers welcome!

Join the Facebook event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1509663809272352/> to hear the latest, AND for information about how to stay in touch for future meetings, even if you can't make it this time

And finally...

Meno Yearbooks:

Meno Yearbooks have produced many stunning yearbooks for Cambridge University Colleges. We are now offering a unique way to personalise each yearbook.

We are coming to Cambridge in February so if you get in touch, we can arrange to meet at a time that suits.

We have worked with over 30 Oxford and Cambridge Colleges in the past to produce their yearbooks. Our service has got better and better and we would like to convince you that a Meno Yearbook is still the best you can get.

P.S. I realise my categorisation of events is a bit dodge #misleadingheadings #notlikeanyonesgoingtoreadthisanyway



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