

JCR Budget Proposal 2015

JMA Executive Trustees Committee – 10th February 2015

Foreword

This year's JCR committee is extremely ambitious in its aims for the year ahead and as a result it is requesting a budget of £2500 compared to the £1000 it was allocated in 2014. The following is based on positive arguments for expenditure and the items that the relevant members of the committee are certain will improve the experience for all 430 undergraduate students studying at Fitzwilliam.

The JCR has recently debated its membership of CUSU (please see the attached report) and one significant factor raised was the drastic imbalance of funding allocated to our membership (£2,881) compared to that given to the JCR in the previous year. Whilst the JCR believes that leaving CUSU would have certain detrimental effects, it is prepared to do so as it strongly feels that the money the JMA spends on its membership could be more effectively used at a collegiate level. We fully appreciate however that leaving CUSU means the funding will revert to the JMA, not the JCR.

As a committee which is neither able to produce a profit (the £1000 profit raised from the gown sale last year was returned to the JMA) nor willing to charge its members to access the majority of its services, we continue to rely on the support of the JMA to fund our activities.

This being said, we realise that a large proportion of the JMA's money comes largely from tuition fees and is there for the benefit of everyone. We hope this budget shows we too are also fully committed to this principle.

Alex Cicale, JCR President

Damiano Sogaro, JCR Vice-President

As the Treasurer, I've sought to ensure that this budget best represents the arguments put forward by the JCR in requesting their specific allocations. I strongly feel that, despite the increase with respect to previous budgets, the presented requests are both well supported with specific arguments and are necessary. Overall, I would further suggest that some of the initiatives for which the JCR is requesting funding will benefit future JCRs and I urge that this be borne in mind when the JMA considers its overall position in regards to the proposal.

Maximillian Croci, Treasurer

The Entertainments Team – Led by Fenella Keevil

The various activities that the Ents team organise throughout the year remain crucial to ensuring that students at Fitzwilliam are able to maintain a healthy work-life balance. From the numerous ‘bops’ held in the bar, to Freshers Week, comedy nights, band nights and more, the team is looking to improve on the successes of their predecessors.

Particularly, we are happy to highlight that the Ents team intends to host a wider range of non-alcohol focused events. Although this increases the size of our budget, it is fundamental in our opinion that we cater for everyone.

The team would also like to thank Dr Ermgassen for her continuous work on our two bi-annual Ents and the support the JMA gives us in funding these initiatives.

Requests for Lent term:

Activity	Projected Cost	Description
Refreshers Week	£25 (Already incurred)	Money was spent on hot chocolate, milk and biscuits for the movie night as well as stationary for the pub quiz. Receipts have been provided. As part of our Refreshers programme the team charged participants who entered the pub crawl and the pub quiz and broke even. The ‘band in the bar’ night was free and incurred some advertising costs.
Halfway Hall Bop	£50	At the moment there is very little to distinguish this bop from any other as the JCR has not purchased decorations in the past. This would pay for the purchase of a variety of decorations and lighting that will be used continuously in the long-term.
Valentines bop and ‘College marriages’	£50	Same as above. This would pay for a large variety of decorations including balloons and hearts.
Easter Egg Hunt	£40	This will cover the cost of mini Easter eggs for hiding and posters. Participants will be charged an entry fee to cover the majority of the cost of the prizes (chocolate).
Fitz sessions (larger music nights)	£40 (for three nights)	Poster printing and light refreshments for performers.
‘Laughing Fitz’ (Comedy Night)	£35	Poster printing and light refreshments for performers.
Karaoke Night	£30	Purchase of karaoke software.
Total cost of Lent Term: £270		

Requests for Easter Term:

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Projected Cost</u>	<u>Description</u>
Film Night	£25	Hot chocolate, milk and biscuits.
'Laughing Fitz' (Comedy Night)	£25	Poster printing and light refreshments for performers.
Total cost of Easter Term: £50		

Requests for Michaelmas Term:

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Projected Cost</u>	<u>Description</u>
Freshers Week	£200	'Meet the family picnic', scavenger hunt prize, film night (hot chocolate, milk and biscuits), Freshers bop decorations, 'Fitz Outing'.
Fitz Sessions	£25	Poster printing and light refreshments for performers.
'Laughing Fitz' (Comedy Night)	£25	Poster printing and light refreshments for performers.
Halloween Bop	£50	Decorations, balloons, banners, posters, smoke machine, lasers.
Family Superhall	£50	Decorations, balloons, banners, posters, smoke machine, lasers.
Bonfire Night	£50	Hot chocolate and biscuits including transport to the boathouse.
Fitzmas	£50	Karaoke (1st night): Refreshments. Bop (2nd night): Balloons, tinsel, lasers, and decorations.
Total cost of Michaelmas Term: £450		

Total requested from the Ents team: £770

The Welfare Team – Led by Isla Phillips and Jake Choules

The Welfare team continue to play a key role in safeguarding the physical and mental wellbeing of the undergraduate community. From its fortnightly drop in sessions to exam term events, they provide undergrads with a valuable opportunity to discuss their issues and have acted as a point of call in serious situations. With an increasing emphasis on mental health awareness, the team acts as an intermediary between the College pastoral system and the students.

Whilst we agree with the JMA that it is the job of College to fund crucial welfare initiatives, we believe the following would strongly bolster the support it gives to students.

It will be seen that there is a running theme of providing refreshment. This is because we believe it is fundamental that people feel at their ease when discussing possible health concerns.

Miscellaneous Requests:

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Projected Cost</u>	<u>Description</u>
Envelopes for Condoms Distribution	£5	To maintain privacy in CUSU sexual supplies distribution.
Printing	£50	
Mental Health Awareness Events	£100	Mental health speaker and women's campaign initiatives.
LGBT Brunches	£60	LGBT Brunches.
International Food Tasting Day	£50	International Food Tasting Day.
Total cost of miscellaneous activities: £265		

Requests for Lent term:

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Projected Cost</u>	<u>Description</u>
Welfare Drop Ins 3x	£25	Refreshments.
Film Night 3x	£30	Refreshments.
Sweets	£25	“Where’s lolly” in refreshers and ‘week 5’. This involves buying two large containers of lollipops.
Pancake evenings	£40	Pancake mix and toppings.
Total cost of Lent Term: £120		

Requests for Easter term:

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Projected Cost</u>	<u>Description</u>
Welfare Drop Ins 3x	£25	Refreshments.
Film Night 2x	£20	Refreshments.

Revision Break Afternoons	£30	Arts and crafts, puzzles, crosswords, tea and milk.
Massages x4	£96	Massage society charge £24 per hour for one masseuse.
Bouncy Castle	£120	
Total cost of Easter Term: £291		

Requests for Michaelmas:

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Projected Cost</u>	<u>Description</u>
Drop Ins 3x	£25	Tea and cake
Film Night 3x	£30	Hot chocolate 3x
International Freshers Week	£200	We feel it's time that International Students have the same focus put into their Freshers week as UK students. This is the budget for last years' Freshers' week.
Total cost of Michaelmas Term: £255		

Total requested from the Welfare team: £931

The Ethical Affairs Team – Led by Cait Mackridge

This team, including the Green Officer and Charities Officer, is instrumental in promoting transparency, responsibility, and accountability for college investments and its environmental policies and raises awareness and student participation with our linked charities.

Miscellaneous Requests:

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Projected Cost</u>	<u>Description</u>
Advertising	£40	General advertising of other events - ethical beer launch, food donations, Fair trade fortnight, Green formal.
Food Bins x3	£30	Bins will provide a place for people to donate unwanted tinned food that will then be sent to a homeless shelter which is one of the key charities we will be working with this term.
Total cost of miscellaneous activities: £70		

Requests for Lent term:

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Projected Cost</u>	<u>Description</u>
Fitz Off	£20	£20 to fund the prize money awarded to the corridor that uses the least amount of electricity during the Fitz Off Campaign week
Photo Competition	£20	Stickers and Prize
Fairtrade Formal Speaker's Meal	£13	Providing a formal dinner is an important element to attracting speakers.
Total cost of Lent Term: £53		

Requests for Easter term:

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Projected Cost</u>	<u>Description</u>
Photo Competition	£15	Prize money
Total cost of Easter Term: £15		

Requests for Michaelmas term:

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Projected Cost</u>	<u>Description</u>
Photo Competition	£15	Prize money
Total cost of Michaelmas Term: £15		

Total requested from the Ethical Affairs team: £153

The Target and Access Team – Led by Sophie Keating

This team is vital to supporting the College access initiatives. It aims to promote Fitz (and the wider university) to students from non-traditional and underrepresented backgrounds and show them just how normal and friendly life is here. Specifically, it co-ordinates visits from schools, encourages and supports students to return to their old schools to talk about life at Cambridge and represents the college at CUSU Target & Access meetings. It also includes co-ordinating the CUSU Shadowing Scheme and will be initiating the new Fitz Shadowing Scheme, making sure it is a success.

It goes without saying that Fitz's heritage as an access college means that we have to ensure that we maintain our strong tradition in this area.

Miscellaneous Requests:

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Projected Cost</u>	<u>Description</u>
Food for open meetings	£20	It is important to motivate people to attend T&A meetings.
Printing business cards	£30	Cards to raise awareness about the revamped JCR website to be given to students on open days
Total cost of miscellaneous activities: £45		

Total requested from the Target and Access team: £45

The Communications Team – Led by Zoe Walker

This team is responsible for communicating the work of the JCR to the wider student body. Crucially, this year the JCR website will be undergoing a drastic revamp in order to achieve two main objectives: 1) acting as a useful source of information to the undergraduate body and 2) providing prospective students with an accurate picture of undergraduate life. Cost has been inhibitive to previous committees, stopping them from being able to take a substantive step towards achieving clear communication between student body and the JCR. We therefore feel that a significant step forward would permit us to overcome this challenge.

Miscellaneous Requests:

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Projected Cost</u>	<u>Description</u>
Printing	£60	Upkeep of the various noticeboards
Goat Post	N/A	We understand this to be discussed separately.
Website	£90	This includes the annual subscription fee and domain
Total cost of miscellaneous activities: £150		

Total requested from the Communications team: £150

JCR Facilities (Extraordinary Expenditure)

The JCR would like to thank the committee for the recent purchase of the new TV for the De Smith room – it has gone down very well! In addition, the Fitzwilliam Society has provisionally pledged £500 for use by the JCR on an initiative which will benefit as many undergraduates as possible. We have opted to spend this on table football – a much loved feature of almost all Common Rooms throughout Cambridge Colleges.

The committee would further like to suggest the addition of a projector to the JCR. It would encourage further use of the JCR by transforming it into a multimedia space – moving film nights away from the Gordon Cameron, and freeing it for college-led evening events. It would also be a useful function for JCR meetings. The following list has been recommended by Karol Pilch who is happy to install it.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Cost</u>
HDMI Cable/Extender	http://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/B002ECYEYA	£36.99
Projector	http://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/B00JFTMNBG	£279
Shielded Cat5 10m	http://www.amazon.co.uk/Duronic-10m-CAT6a-Professional-Shielded/dp/B00FSAKO6M/ref=sr_1_13?ie=UTF8&qid=1416573921&sr=8-13&keywords=shielded+cat+5+cable	£5.99
Shielded Cat5 10m	http://www.amazon.co.uk/Duronic-10m-CAT6a-Professional-Shielded/dp/B00FSAKO6M/ref=sr_1_13?ie=UTF8&qid=1416573921&sr=8-13&keywords=shielded+cat+5+cable	£5.99
VGA 10m Cable	http://www.amazon.co.uk/10m-monitor-adapter-cable-HD15M/dp/B0000992ZE/ref=sr_1_7?ie=UTF8&qid=1416574100&sr=8-7&keywords=vga+cable	£8.75
Stereo Sound Cable	http://www.amazon.co.uk/KabelDirekt-Series-Stereo-Cable-3-5mm/dp/B00L5FW4TO/ref=sr_1_2?ie=UTF8&qid=1416574346&sr=8-2&keywords=stereo+sound+cable+10m	£9.99
Stereo Sound Cable	http://www.amazon.co.uk/KabelDirekt-Series-Stereo-Cable-3-5mm/dp/B00L5FW4TO/ref=sr_1_2?ie=UTF8&qid=1416574346&sr=8-2&keywords=stereo+sound+cable+10m	£10.99
Total cost of purchasing and installing the projector: £357.70		

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Projected Cost</u>	<u>Description</u>
Contingency	£93.30	Potential for other items being more expensive; gives the JCR sufficient freedom of movement to operate without having to return to the JMA for extraordinary funding.