

ALEX HARPER

JCR TREASURER MANIFESTO

Who am I?

I am a reliable and trustworthy first year NatSci who has reached out to former JCR treasurer Mayuran and other JCR members to fully understand the role. I am eager to give back to the tremendously supportive JCR and Fitz community by performing this role to the best standard. I will listen to your concerns and maintain good rapport with the bursar and Stephen Sawiak.

Why me?

I am keen to support our community, and I am not the type to slack in a role like this. I have numerical proficiency, accounting experience, and a weird passion for budgeting. I am a listener and understand the community's voice comes first- I do not aim to come into this role with selfish intentions. I have spoken with JCR members including previous JCR treasurer Mayuran, so I am aware this will be a time intensive role.

My experience

In my school I ran a club and a society and understand the pressure to get things done on time. I managed stock and supplier accounts whilst working at a pharmacy so I've got the accounting technicals. I have made stash for my Taekwondo team and have full ability in using Excel.

Manifesto

RENT

The college will attempt to increase rents above inflation, with the previous JCR halting a 2-year 10% increase. Homerton had a 11% hike this year and COVID pressure dictates Fitz could follow a similar fate. Our college is proud of inclusivity and I will work with Joshan to ensure the increase will be reasonable. I am strongly opposed to an increase in KFC for students in houses.

STASH

I hate to be the one to break this to you- the current Fitz stash is reminiscent of a Sixth Form college. With myself as treasurer, I can guarantee some top notch stash this year including jogging bottoms. Ryder and Aymes is pricey (!), best believe our Fitz stash will be affordable, comfy, and better than any other college. There will most importantly be tracksuit joggers in the collection.

TRANSPARENCY

This year's budget is £3.5k, and as members of the college, you are well entitled to know how it is spent. Accounts this year have not come out since February, but under my control will be published monthly and that is a promise.

COMPLETE SPENDING OF THE BUDGET AND DESIGNATED ACCOUNT

Last year's budget was nearly not spent due to lockdown. It is important to spend all the budget as it doesn't rollover, and it helps the next JCR justify asking for more. I will also ensure a designated account opens to manage JCR additional income from gowns and future stash to increase transparency by releasing the statements.

FOOTBALL TABLE AND PS4 GAMES

I will support the JCR budget funding of a new football table since the old one is in poor shape. This was an aim of last year's JCR, but I promise it will be done under this year's JCR. With the future purchase of a PS4, it is important that we still get the good multiplayer games next year. I will implement a voting system to get the Fitz desired games. Even if its GTA V, despite it being the biggest rip off.

COOPERATION

The JCR is a big community, so it is important that treasurer will work each officer to ensure their section is appropriately funded- especially Welfare and Target&Access. I will work with MCR treasurer Harkeerit to ensure the combined iZettle system is managed appropriately.

ROOM PRICING

The costs of rooms needs updating. There is a clear second- and third-year consensus that some rooms do not reflect their price, and it is vital there are low cost options for those who need them. Likewise, with first year rooms, prices should be used to balance demand to better allocate room options. I intend to use surveys to feedback information to college about our thoughts- it is not good enough to ignore price discrepancies.

BIKES

I fully intend to support Mayuran, VP candidate, in providing better bike storage. There is a need to increase capacity to prevent rain-induced lock rusting. Next year's freshers should also be supported in where to find a bike and choosing the right one. I will make sure they know well before they arrive.

EVENTS

Covid has ensured events have been lacking. However, as restrictions become more relaxed (hopefully Lent 2020), I would support the JCR Ents officer in planning some events where JCR funding is used appropriately and not wasted. Funding allocations will reflect the restrictions at the time.

STRICT PROVISIONS FOR ROLLOVERS

Last year's treasurer had to account for payments from 2018. This is wholly unfair, and 2021 rollover costs would not be acceptable as to relieve pressure on the 2021 JCR.

OVERALL JCR SUPPORT

As Treasurer, I will make sure to listen to what our community supports and emanate this in JCR meetings. I aim to oppose propositions put forward by other members which are self-interested have do not have our community in mind.