

# MCR

Middle Common Room,  
Home of Postgraduate, Ministerial  
and Mature Students.



Regent's Park College

Hilary Term 2016

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# General Information

Middle Common Room or 'MCR' is shorthand for the body of post-graduate, ministerial and mature students in College. However, all MCR members are also full members of the Junior Common Room (JCR), which is home to the College bar and student pigeon holes.

Like the JCR, the MCR is open around the clock and there is a constant supply of refreshments (tea, coffee and biscuits), as well as IT facilities (two PCs and a printer). Members are also welcome to use the MCR for work-related events, including presentations (there is a Smart TV, which can be linked to a laptop) and receptions. If you would like to use the MCR, please contact the President.

At the back of the Library there is an MCR Study Room, which has recently been refurbished and is equipped with lockers. The Library is open 24hrs a day and can be accessed using a Bod. card.

## Friday Evenings:

MCR members undertake a wide range of activities around the University and beyond—from working at research facilities to running local churches—all of which take people away from College during the week. However, every Friday evening during term (weeks 0 to 8), members gather to socialise and relax together. You are welcome participate in any of the following Friday evening activities:

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| 5:45-6:30pm | College Chapel Service   |
| 6:30-7pm    | Drinks reception in the MCR  |
| 7-8:30pm    | Formal Hall (the dress code is formal, including ties for men; gowns must be worn; black tie may be worn in weeks 2 and 6) |
| 8:30-       | Coffee in the Senior Common Room (SCR), by the invitation of the Principal and Fellows                                     |

# Hilary Term in the MCR

## PORT & CHOCOLATES AFTER FORMAL HALL

After Formal Hall in weeks 2 (Burns' Night) and 6, there will be receptions in the MCR, with port and chocolates.

## MCR SMALL GRANTS SCHEME

This term, the MCR Executive has committed £300 of our termly budget to providing small grants to members; £150 for books and resources, and £150 for events. Members of the MCR – post-graduate, ministerial and mature – may apply for support at any time. To do so, simply email the President with your details and an explanation of how the grant would be used. Applications will be received and reviewed by the Exec. on a rolling basis; there is no deadline. You may apply for £150 or part thereof, but please be aware that the Exec. may only be able to award you part of the grant amount that you request. Applications may not be made retrospectively and awards will only be paid once the book/resource has been purchased or the event held, and receipts returned to the MCR Secretary. These grants are a recognition that the MCR wishes to use its capitation – increased last year – to contribute to the academic lives of its members.

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## Useful Information:

- **Meal bookings:** by 2pm the previous working day. As of this term, lunch is available from 12:30pm.
- **College Doctor:** Dr Hugo Hammersley, 27 Beaumont Street, Oxford, OX1 2NR; +44 (0)1865 311500.
- **Taxis:** +44 (0)1865 240000 (001); +44 (0)1865 201201 (City).
- **University Computers:** Warning—if you work on a University PC, save your work to a USB memory stick because it will be erased when the PC shuts down!

# MCR Executive

The MCR Executive is elected annually, in Hilary Term, and works closely with the Principal, Tutor for Graduates and others on behalf of postgraduate, ministerial and mature students.



**Matthew Mills**

**President**

Matthew is a DPhil student in Theology, specialising in medieval ecclesiastical history. He has been MCR President since 2012 and in that capacity he represents MCR members at College Council and Governing Body. Email: [matthew.mills@regents.ox.ac.uk](mailto:matthew.mills@regents.ox.ac.uk).



**Anna Kirby-Hall**

**Vice-President & Welfare Officer**

Anna is a mature student, reading for a BA in Theology; she was previously a school teacher. As V-P and Welfare Officer, Anna attends termly meetings with the Dean and Welfare Committee where she can raise MCR concerns. Email: [anna.kirby-hall@regents.ox.ac.uk](mailto:anna.kirby-hall@regents.ox.ac.uk).



**Scott Ables**

**Secretary**

Scott is from the USA; he was Matthew's predecessor as MCR President and is now Secretary, alongside completing a DPhil in Theology (Byzantine Studies). Scott is married, with three children and three grandchildren! Email: [scott.ables@regents.ox.ac.uk](mailto:scott.ables@regents.ox.ac.uk).



**Andy Fitchet**

**Treasurer**



**Tom Cox**

**Ministerial Association Representative**