

JCR and MCR Code of Practice

1. The JCR (Junior Common Room) is an association open to all undergraduate members of the College. The MCR (Middle Common Room) is a similar association open to all graduate students. Their main objects are to promote the interests and welfare of and social activities among their members and to represent the interests of students to the Governing Body of the College.
2. The JCR and MCR have written constitutions, elect officers and hold regular meetings. Membership of the JCR and MCR is automatically granted to all students who qualify for membership. Anyone who does not wish to take up membership should notify the Secretary of the JCR or MCR (as the case may be) not later than the end of the Third Week of Michaelmas Term.
3. Membership as such is free of charge but JCR Members are invited to pay moderate subscriptions for particular purposes.
4. Withdrawal from membership will disqualify students from standing for office, voting at or attending meetings of the JCR or MCR.
5. The written constitutions of the JCR and MCR contain detailed arrangements for the conduct of elections, the conduct of officers, financial management and reporting, the funding of groups and club affiliation to external organisations including OUSU (the Oxford University Student Union), and the handling of complaints. The implementation of these arrangements is supervised on behalf of the Governing Body by the Dean and the Tutor for Graduates.
6. The College provides certain social, recreational and welfare facilities for all its junior members, including the use of common rooms and the JCR bar. It allows the JCR and MCR as associations to participate in the management and provision of these services and from time to time provides the JCR and MCR with funds to enable them to maintain these services on behalf of the College. The services provided by the College are available to all undergraduates or graduate students (as the case may be) on equal terms whether or not they are members of their respective association.
7. Complaints about the management of the JCR or MCR should in the first place be made to the President in question. If you are dissatisfied with the handling of any complaint it may be referred to the Dean or the Tutor for Graduates.
8. A copy of the constitutions of the JCR and MCR may be inspected in the JCR and MCR offices.

*Adopted by the Governing Body, 8 March 1995
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