

## **Third Week Newsletter. Michaelmas Term, 2016.**

Monday is here, the newsletter is here.

This week, we have two parties (Hallowe'en and Burns Night), the resupply of the MCR Welfare Drawer, tour guiding, exciting talks - and, as always, the closing times of the Memorial Room.

Have a great week!

### *Queen's Notices.*

- 1. MCR Party (29th October)!**
- 2. Burns Night Prep [Message forwarded from the JCR].**
- 3. Memorial Room Closures.**
- 4. Welfare Drawer in the MCR.**

### *Other Notices.*

- 5. Psychology Study.**
- 6. Paid Work as a Tour Guide in Oxford.**
- 7. Oxford International Relations Society: Andrew Harding, BBC Africa Correspondent.**

### **1. MCR Party (29th October)!**

A date for your diaries from the wonderful Social Secs: there will be a party in the MCR on the 29th of October, this Saturday! The theme is Hallowe'en/Horror/B Movies, and there will be a prize for the best costume.

Hope to see you there!

### **2. Burns Night Prep [Message forwarded from the JCR].**

\*Burns night prep\*

It's one of the most important dates on the Queen's hall calendar...

On January 25th, Scots and not-Scots alike come together to pay homage to the great Scottish bard Robert Burns.

The night is always a total blast, with a legendary spread of food and often the promise of ceilidh music!

Each year, one or two people volunteer to lead preparations.

I know it seems early, but the planning needs to begin this term and Dawn would like to know who she is collaborating with...

If you are interested in organising this illustrious event :) then please contact Dawn at [dawn.grimshaw@queens.ox.ac.uk](mailto:dawn.grimshaw@queens.ox.ac.uk)

### **3. Memorial Room Closures.**

The Memorial Room will be closed at the following times this week:

- Monday 24th October: 1-8pm.
- Sunday 30th October: 1.30-5.30pm.

Please ensure that you are not working in the Memorial Room during these times, and that no books/papers/laptops/bags are left behind.

### **4. Welfare Drawer in the MCR.**

Andre, our loyal Welfare Officer, has asked me to pass on the news that the Welfare Drawer in the MCR is now stocked with a variety of sexual health products, including condoms, dental dams, pregnancy tests, and lubricant. These are for the use of anyone and everyone who is a member of the MCR!

The Welfare Drawer is a drawer in the kitchen island, the one furthest to the right (i.e. closest to the window in the kitchen).

### **5. Psychology Study.**

Speed and accuracy in pairs

We are looking to recruit participants for our research study on how working with other people affects performance, compared to working alone.

The study involves completing a computer task that assesses your speed and accuracy. It takes under 30 minutes for which you will be paid £5, and you will get a chance to win a chocolate bar.

You must be at least 16 years of age and fluent in English.

If you would like to participate in this study or have any questions, please respond to [luka.katic@psy.ox.ac.uk](mailto:luka.katic@psy.ox.ac.uk)

Testing takes place at the Department of Experimental Psychology, University of Oxford (9 South Parks Road, Oxford OX1 3UD).

MSD Ethics reference number: R46006/RE001

Thank you!

## 6. Paid Work as a Tour Guide in Oxford.

### TOUR GUIDING DETAILS

For those who enjoy showing visitors around and stories about the oddities and delights of the town and university- Earn £20 leading walking tours.

Description: Lead groups of visitors around a designed route (not into the colleges) for 1.5 hours

Pay: £20 per tour apart from the shadow tour

Frequency: Depends on the season, between 5-10 tours per month

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-> APPLY

Please send an email to [donna@oxbridgeacademycourses.com](mailto:donna@oxbridgeacademycourses.com),

Subject: Oxford Tour Guiding Application

Include your:

Name:

Number:

Year:

College:

Subject:

And short answers to:

1. What are the most interesting facts you have heard/know about Oxford
2. What experience would suggest you would be a good guide.
3. Can you tell us a funny story about your time at uni that you would be happy to share with visitors?

Deadline: 6th November, though applications are considered on a rolling basis so send your answers as soon as you can.

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### Guiding FA QS

Do I need to write the tour?

No , we've written a script so you l earn the dates & facts then add in your own stories and experiences :)

How long is a tour?

1.25- 1.5 hrs

How many people would I lead?

1-25 people. The average number is around 8

Who would I lead?

People of all ages from all over the world.

Is there training?

Yes after you learn the script you will attend a training session which includes shadowing an experienced guide & practicing bits of the tour. We'll also give you feedback after your first tours so you're able to improve the experience.

How would I be assigned to tours?

It's very simple. We send you a list of dates and times of possible tours. You email us within 48hrs with your availability. After 48hrs we'll have assigned the guides. If you are confirmed we will send you further information about the students and the contact number of the head of the group you'll be meeting.

How do I get paid?

We send you an invoice template. You send us an invoice. We wire the money within 2 weeks. Remember the 1st tour is unpaid.

If you have any other questions feel free to email me at [donna@oxbridgeacademycourses.com](mailto:donna@oxbridgeacademycourses.com). Would love to hear from you.

## **7. Oxford International Relations Society: Andrew Harding, BBC Africa Correspondent.**

The Oxford International Relations Society will be welcoming BBC Africa Correspondent, Andrew Harding, to speak on the subject of his latest book, *The Mayor of Mogadishu: A Story of Chaos and Redemption in the Ruins of Somalia*.

Where: Danson Room, Trinity College

When: Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Week (25<sup>th</sup> October), 7.30pm

Andrew Harding has worked as a foreign correspondent for the past twenty-five years in Russia, Asia and Africa. He has been visiting Somalia since 2000. His television and radio reports for BBC News have won him international recognition, including an Emmy and an award from Britain's Foreign Press Association.

This event will be FREE for IRSoc members, with specially discounted membership available on the door. Entry will be £3 for non-members. As with all our events, this talk will be followed by a free drinks reception for all attendees.

'Some of the most beautiful writing about Africa that I have ever read.' —Fergal Keane, BBC journalist

Facebook event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/195224487577247/>

Website: <http://www.oxirsoc.com/upcoming-1/?view=calendar&month=October-2016>