



What's new

Ed Penn, Schools Liaison Officer

Tell us about a recent highlight

In late June and early July over 300 teenagers from Tyne and Wear visited the College to learn more about what it takes to apply to a selective university. They tried out taster lectures, ate in hall, thrashed the undergrads and I at football and frisbee, and toured other Colleges, before feeding back their impressions of Jesus College and Cambridge in front of the whole group. The second half of the week was occupied by the University Open Days, where over 1000 students from schools all over the country scouted Jesus College out as a potential future home. Huge thanks to the undergrads, Catering and Conference staff, and everyone else who made this week possible!



What's next?

In September we'll be running residential events for state-schooled Year 13s who are about to apply. We had a great success rate with these last year, with one in three attendees who applied to Jesus receiving offers. We'll also be preparing for the admissions round itself, which is always chaotic but enjoyable!

Say 'Hello' to

Paul Dominiak, Dean of Chapel

Hello! I am Paul Dominiak, the new Dean of Chapel. If you've seen a confused cleric looking lost in College, then you will have caught sight of me already. Otherwise, I hope we have either met already, or will meet in person soon.

I am originally from the Yorkshire coast, but have spent the past fifteen years studying and working across the United States, Teesside, and Cambridge. I have just finished four years as Chaplain to Trinity College prior to joining the community at Jesus.

I am thrilled to join Jesus College. I am looking forward to getting to know the vast variety of people who make up this College, as well as making the life of the Chapel one in which everyone will feel welcome and at home.



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Close up!

Congratulations to Rob and Stephen, who won the East House Open Day papped competition with this pose.



Staff Forum reps have been working with Departments to run a series of Open Days over the summer, to help people find out more about what goes on behind the scenes of each area of the College.

There were plenty of highs (including exploring the upper levels of the Chapel) and one low (going down into the College's bunker). Thanks very much to Cheryl, Jill, the Forum reps and everyone else who worked so hard to make the Open Days a success.

Save the date

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| 12 Sep | Open Cambridge Sculpture Tours
11am-12pm and 1-2pm |
| 14-16 Sep | Year 11 Residentials |
| 16-18 Sep | Year 13 Residentials |
| 1 Oct | Term begins |
| 13 Oct | Preti Taneja's book reading at Heffers |
| 18 Oct | JCMS Freshers' Concert |
| 19 Oct-2 Nov | Festival of Ideas |
| 14 Nov | JCMS Michaelmas Term Concert |

Staff Boat Race

Sarah Woods, Development Assistant

The Jesus Staff Rowing Team first took to the water on 24th August.

After strapping ourselves into some clown-sized shoes we were underway, with power generated by staff members from all departments. Aside from a few zigzags (thanks to the novice cox) and a close shave with a houseboat, there was a really impressive amount of skill on show from bow to stern – a great sign for what was everyone's first outing in an eight. Watch out for the team coming soon to a Boat Race near you!



A day in the life

Christopher Burlinson, Fellow

I'm a Fellow in English, and my time at Jesus is split between teaching and directing studies (I'm Director of Studies for first- and second-year students), research, and different administrative roles in College. I'm one of the three Admissions Tutors, for example, with special responsibility for Outreach and Widening Participation, so I'm often working with Jenny and Ed from the Admissions Office on one of our Open Days or residential events.

Most of my research has to do with seventeenth-century poetry. One of the things that I'm working on is an edition of the poems of Richard Corbett, a bishop in the 1620s and 1630s. Corbett is quite an obscure poet nowadays, but he was one of the most widely-read of his day. He was especially popular at Oxford University, where he had been a student and Dean of his college, and where many of the students kept notebooks in which they would copy his poems and write their own responses. Looking at these books can tell us a lot about these 400-year-old social and academic networks, and why poetry was so important to them.

How Maintenance got to Oz

Lisa Rowe, Maintenance Department Co-ordinator

Last year the Maintenance Department:

- Changed 4,257 light bulbs
- Repainted 1,202 walls
- Unblocked 1,067 drains and toilets
- Attended to 5,208 JNet Fault Reports
- Cleared 60 miles of guttering
- Provided support to 2,700 College rooms and offices

Walked, cycled and climbed 9,360 miles – which would get you from College to Australia!

Did you know..?

Susan Webb, Modern Records Manager

So far the First World War project has commemorated 24 men, but with a total of 158, we have a way to go! The Roll of Honour now also features the two members of staff who fell, Ralph Sampson and Frank Murrell, and can be found at <http://www.jesus.cam.ac.uk/about-jesus-college/history/first-world-war/>

We're about to commemorate the anniversary of the Battle of Loos, which saw eight Jesuans die – six of them on 25th September. Douglas Carmichael (above), one of the men we're about to commemorate, was apparently a notable "leading lady" in Footlights Club productions. We're intrigued to find out more!



Thank you

Thanks to Cheryl, Nikki, Dominic, Rob, Hugo, Lisa, Emma, John, Rebecca, JCBC and everyone else who has arranged sports and social activities this summer.

We've tried tennis, rowing, croquet, rounders, table tennis, netball and crazy golf. We're feeling a lot fitter now! Please let Cheryl know if you have any ideas for future activities.

