



STUDENT NEWSLETTER: NOV 10, 2017

Hi all,

I hope that not too many of us have the week 6 blues! I also hope you aren't getting too dismayed by the amount of 'Christmas' stuff that we are encountering already! Lots of important things this week, so please do read and engage. Peace, Alex

1. Open Day
2. 'Big Issue' Poll
3. End of Term Survey
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1. Open Day

I hope that I will see some of you at the Cheshunt/Westminster Anniversary/Open Day/Commemoration tomorrow. If you have got a job from Sam – fab ☺ If not, it would be great if you could just be around to welcome, offer hospitality, and chat to our guests. Some key places to hang around might be by the door, at lunch, or near where the self-guided tours are (you could always offer to lead a small tour).



When you arrive, please collect a student name-badge from the common room. They will be on the counter near the water dispenser.

The timings are as follows:

Arrivals from 11am.

11am – Short act of remembrance - chapel. Refreshments – dining hall.

1pm – Lunch – dining hall. 2.30pm – Worship/Commemoration – chapel.

4pm – Afternoon tea then departures.



2. 'Big Issue'

On Thursday 23rd November community afternoon will be an opportunity to discuss a 'big issue'. Perhaps something that we might have a range of views on. I have two questions: Firstly, what issue should we discuss? Secondly, how should we discuss it? (Debate, informal discussion, expressive dance...etc)

Please let me know what you think by Wednesday 16th (next Weds) so that we can come up with a plan.

3. End of Term Survey

It's important that all have a chance to feedback on how we have found the new pattern/community life this term. This includes students, senatus and other members of staff. Please do complete the following (totally anonymous) survey so that your voice is heard in planning for next term! It is intentionally 'vague' to allow space for you:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/R6Q2K95>



4. TWoV Talks

There will be talks at lunchtime (1pm) each day next week for transgender visibility taking place at the divinity faculty. All are welcome – please do come along if you would like to learn more about trans identities, particularly re religious understandings. You could ask for a packed lunch if you are concerned about missing lunchtime. Also please note that I will not be at lunch next week, as I will be attending and helping to staff the talks.

Details: Monday 13th November – Daniel Weiss, Multiple genders in classical rabbinic Judaism.

Tuesday 14th November – Ankur Barua, Reflections from Indian Religions.

Wednesday 15th November – Christina Beardsley – Up Close and Personal.

Thursday 16th November – Duncan Dormor – Transgender, Theology and the Church.

Friday 17th November – Liesbeth Van Houts – The Case of Joan of Arc.

5. TDoR Service

I will be leading a ctf wide service in our chapel to celebrate transgender identities and remember those who have been killed for their identity in the past year on Monday 20th of November at 4.30pm in the chapel followed by tea and coffee in the common room. All are welcome and I would really appreciate your attendance and support.

6. Weekend 'Away'

We will be having an (entirely optional) weekend away 25th-27th of May at Wicken Fen. For now, please put the dates in your diary, and ask me if you have any questions. Accessibility to the campsite is limited, but we will spend the Saturday out at Wicken Fen nature reserve, which is accessible. Some photos of the campsite are interspersed throughout this week's newsletter ☺

