Dear Mansfield,

Welcome back to Trinity term – and the first proper Mansfield summer in three years. I didn’t take this job to live alone in a gated community, and I’m glad to see students doing what students are supposed to do in the summer time. Yes, stressing about exams is part of it. But so is reading in the sun among the flowers, and the Mansfield Ball, and punting and rowing (and enjoying the JCR and the new facilities which will soon be in place thanks to the day-time let for the last two terms ...).

If you want to know what’s going on, do check out Virtual Quad every week: on email, on the JCR Facebook page, and now also on Instagram.

And please share here what’s going on – sport, music, drama, politics, welfare, Friday talks.

First up this term – an exclusive-to-Mansfield careers event on Tuesday, April 26th for people interested in public policy, AI, the future – from Schmidt Futures.
A Message from the Principal

This communication is a two-way street, so please keep it coming. I always welcome an opportunity to listen to and speak with students – directly or through the JCR/MCR benches. Just contact Asima if you’d like to see me.

I look forward to seeing you, in the Real Quad, my office, or at the Mansfield Ball, soon.

Best wishes for a great summer,

Helen Mountfield QC (she/her)
Principal

MANSFIELD COLLEGE
OXFORD
Join this event to be the first to know about active appointments at the prestigious Schmidt Futures and exclusive career opportunities. Receptions to follow. Please RSVP to principals-ea@mansfield.ox.ac.uk.

Who We Are...
Schmidt Futures is a philanthropic initiative founded by Wendy and Eric Schmidt that bets on exceptional people making the world better. We scour the Earth search for the next visionaries, betting early on the power of their ideas to solve hard problems in science and society.

Spotlight Roles:
- Analyst
- Associate
- Associate Product Manager
- Assistant/Coordinator Roles
- Internship Opportunities

JOIN OUR TEAM
NEW YORK CITY
Mansfield Public Talks

Mansfield Public Talks Trinity 2022 - All Welcome

- Advocacy and Activism – A Black Barrister’s Perspective | Matthew Ryder QC

- Resurrecting Human Rights in the Shadow of War | Professor Allida Black

- COVID-19 therapeutics: revelations and revolutions | Professor Sir Peter Horby

- The Streaming Self: The Joining Effects of Technology and Liberalism | David Goodman
Mansfield Public Talks

- **The Milton Lecture** - Milton and Jefferson on Education, Tyranny and Superstition | **Revd Dr Charles Brock**

- CleanTech Innovation in the Pacific Northwest - Collaboration, Clusters and Equity | **Mel Clark**

ADMISSION FREE
Sir Joseph Hotung Auditorium Mansfield College
MANSFIELD COLLEGE BALL 2022

PARADISE LOST

SATURDAY APRIL 23RD
MANSFIELD COLLEGE BALL
"PARADISE LOST"

Mansfield College invites you to an unforgettable night in the Garden of Eden with music, drinks, magic, and mystery. The Mansfield Ball will be held on Saturday, April 23rd, beginning at 6pm for students with dining tickets and 7:30 pm for students with non-dining tickets.

Ticket holders will need to collect their wristbands in the Legacy Garden at one of the following times:
- Friday 22nd of April, 2pm-5pm
- Saturday 23rd of April, 2pm-5pm

Please note that on-site, residential students NOT attending the ball will need to have their Bod Cards to access the college.
Ramadan Iftar Dinner
EVERYONE WELCOME

THURSDAY 28 APRIL, 8PM
CHAPEL HALL, MANSFIELD COLLEGE

Celebrate Ramadan with an Iftar Dinner, dining on flavoursome and fragrant traditional food. With a speech delivered by Ammar Naqvi and a special dua recitation by Sina Maghami Nick.

Please book via the online meal booking system by Monday 25 April 9am.
Direct all queries to principals-ea@mansfield.ox.ac.uk
Robert Hooke Building on Parks Road (next to the Natural History Museum) is open to anyone for prayer. For more information click here.
Fellow and Tutor in Philosophy, Mansfield College and musician Paul Lodge will perform songs inspired by the works of William Shakespeare, Friday, April 29th 8pm at St. Michael's Church on Cornmarket Street.

Click here to learn more about Shakespeare in the Alley.

Click here to buy tickets.
This academic year (2021/22), is Mansfield’s 135th birthday. To mark this occasion, we want to celebrate the Mansfield community and get as many members of College involved as possible.

The will include Giving Day (on 3 and 4 May). During this 36-hour fundraiser, we'll be completing challenges and raising donations from Mansfield alumni to help support our College and students.

Find out what's happening and how to get involved...
During this 36 hour of fundraising for College, we invite Mansfield community to help complete these sporting challenges to help unlock funds from our alumni supporters.
Book deliveries, Contemporary Fiction collection, accessibility webpage and new book suggestions!

A few reminders from the Library team:

Sally and Clare are very happy to deliver books to self-isolating students (or any others who can’t make it to the Library in person due to accessibility issues). These can be for academic studies or something from our Contemporary Fiction collection to offer some light relief.

Please contact us on library@mansfield.ox.ac.uk
There is more information about our accessibility equipment & procedures, along with recommended self-help & study skills reading, available here:  
https://www.mansfield.ox.ac.uk/assistive-equipment-procedures-and-recommended-self-help-study-skills-reading

If you would like to suggest a book for purchase, please use the book suggestion form on our website:  
https://www.mansfield.ox.ac.uk/form/book-suggestion-form  
Suggestions are always welcome and, if approved, usually available within a day or so.

Thank you,  
Clare and Sally
World Poetry Day
See Mansfield Students’ Submissions!
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In the name of  
Healing  
My favorite disease  
I kill the language within me  
I kill the language  
That kills colors, but not flowers  
That kills feathers, but not birds  
That kills water, but not tears  
I kill it for your sake:  
It forbids death  
By forbidding death notices  
It permits life  
By permitting its locks and chains  
It forces you to swallow  
What you cannot choose to follow  
You vomit and you know  
Even death will vomit  
Even death finds it disgusting—  
In your gastric tube  
The language within me urges  
What it purges  
I kill brokenness  
Though it does not complete me  
I kill vagueness  
Though it does not clarify me  

I kill the homeland that invades my homeland  
That rapes and imprisons and massacres  
Books  
I kill empty squares on the pages  
I kill black markers and white-out  
I kill shredded paper  
I kill evasive eyes, covered ears, cropped sex organs  
I kill euphemisms  
I kill words that end in  
-ism, -ity, -ize  
I kill words  
That, while I’m naked, wrap themselves in a flag  
That gazes upon my imagination with revolting superiority  
I kill the correct accent, the right pronunciation, the standard word count  
I kill the fortress of textbooks and exercise books  
I kill the authorial intent  
That everyone knows  
Except me  
I kill the five-year-old girl  
Who recited poetry in front of her parents  
And said she loved this and that poem, she loved  
How it was so pristine  
She was a liar  
I kill poetry more than prose, because
I
Have no meter;
I
Have no rhythm;
I
Have no rhyme;
I
Have no verse no line no word no syllable
That precedes or follows

Why am I not read?
Or dead?

And then I have nothing left except you
But I will kill you, too
I will plunge the knife of myself
Right into your heart

And look down at my own chest
Look down—Look into—Look through
Where my blood erupts
In the futile suffering

*L’s name in Chinese is a homophone of the word for language (语言). She’s a fellow writer. Right before I wrote this poem she attempted suicide by drug overdose.
No Leaves
By Victoria Roskams

the sun breaks through no leaves
we are at the tips
of every skeleton tree
expatriatism brought home to rest
stately home to die
in its package-holiday nest
secure in its backwards couch
casting director picking out fruits
and eating them out of turn:
back to the glass
where verdurous stains
smudge smiling in the muddle
enveloped secretions
no hand or branch can reach
while the sun breaks through no leaves
no wilting laurel wreaths
snowdrops shoot black shrinking violets
and the sun breaks through no leaves.
beating over the cautious hill
it heralds no rest
and on the crinkled ground no packages are left
lives soak
and untouchable bliss is next:
back to the glass
the sun breaks
and unbeknownst birds hop along the set
at the mercy of migration
and to cautious hills we lift our eyes
and out of turn we climb

I Happened To Be Standing
By Mary Oliver

I don’t know where prayers go,
or what they do.
Do cats pray, while they sleep
half-asleep in the sun?
Does the opossum pray as it
crosses the street?
The sunflowers? The old black oak
growing older every year?
I know I can walk through the world,
along the shore or under the trees,
with my mind filled with things
of little importance, in full
self-attendance. A condition I can’t really
call being alive.
Is a prayer a gift, or a petition,
or does it matter?
The sunflowers blaze, maybe that’s their way.
Maybe the cats are sound asleep. Maybe not.
While I was thinking this I happened to be standing
just outside my door, with my notebook open,
which is the way I begin every morning.
Then a wren in the privet began to sing.
He was positively drenched in enthusiasm,
I don’t know why. And yet, why not.
I wouldn’t persuade you from whatever you believe
or whatever you don’t. That’s your business.
But I thought, of the wren’s singing, what could this be
if it isn’t a prayer?
So I just listened, my pen in the air.

Submitted by Jennifer Strawbridge
Going All the Way
By Charles Bukowski

If you’re going to try, go all the way.
Otherwise, don’t even start.
If you’re going to try, go all the way.
This could mean losing girlfriends, wives, relatives, jobs and maybe even your mind.
It could mean not eating for three or four days.
It could mean freezing on a park bench.
It could mean jail.
It could mean derision, mockery, isolation.
Isolation is the gift.
All the others are a test of your endurance, of how much you really want to do it.
And, you’ll do it, despite rejection and the worst odds.
And it will be better than anything else you can imagine.
If you’re going to try, go all the way.
There is no other feeling like that.
You will be alone with the gods, and the nights will flame with fire.
DO IT. DO IT. DO IT. All the way
You will ride life straight to perfect laughter. It’s the only good fight there is.

Submitted by Zelimhan Akhmiev

Apostle Paul in 1 Corinthians 13 v.4-13

Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up my childish ways. For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known. So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.' (ESV Version)

Submitted by Adyan Sharda
Digital Communications Screens will soon be installed in the lodge and the JCR/MCR corridors. We welcome any content from anyone in Mansfield College who'd like to advertise events, news, or other opportunities. We also welcome any photography submissions!

Contact Mansfield Communications: communications@mansfield.ox.ac.uk
Cherwell: Oxford's Independent Student Newspaper

Cherwell will be featuring a brand new Bulletin Page to let readers know what's on in Oxford. If you would like your society's term card to be featured, email cherwelleditor@gmail.com for advertising space, free of cost for student run societies!
We are thrilled to introduce our College photographer in residence, Ander McIntyre, who will be coming to Mansfield to capture some amazing photos of people, events, and the College site. See some of Ander's photography here.
Wine from the Wine Cellar for Sale - available to Staff and Students
Click here to visit the Mansfield Store.
DON’T NEGATIVELY IMPACT THE COMMUNITY

EXAMS: CELEBRATE SUSTAINABLY
Exams: Celebrate sustainably and avoid a fine

We want you to celebrate after your exams, particularly after the challenges of the last two years and there are lots of way you can celebrate your achievements. Have a night out, enjoy Oxford’s green spaces (leaving them as you found them) and celebrate with your Mansfield community, all by being respectful to everyone. However, if you litter by throwing, pouring or spraying substances after your exams, you will be liable to a £150 fine, which will be strictly enforced this year. Protect the environment, save money, and respect our community.
Peer Support TT22

Peer supporters are here to talk about anything that is concerning you. Peer supporters have over 30 hours of training with the University Counselling Service in order to listen effectively, maintain confidentiality, and respect boundaries.

Drop-in sessions will run every Thursday. Alternatively, contact us via Facebook Messenger or email to arrange a time to chat.

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Peer Support outside of Mansfield:
Feel free to contact one of the Teddy Hall JCR peer supporters
Katie (katie.long@seh.ox.ac.uk)
Greg (greg.halliwell@seh.ox.ac.uk)
Who the Careers Service supports

The Careers Service supports all 12,510 undergraduate students, 13,044 graduate students at Oxford.

The Careers Service's dedicated support extends to more than 5,800 research and research support staff.

Oxford alumni can engage with the Careers Service for LIFE through access to 1:1 sessions with careers advisers, jobs board, careers fairs, workshops, and more.

Each college, department and faculty has a careers adviser dedicated to them.

Student societies can engage with the Service by advertising opportunities, attending a careers fair, co-host events, and more.

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Equality Allies

**Acting) Tutor for Women**

Elizabeth Drummond can be approached by students with concerns or issues they feel would best be communicated to a woman tutor.
elizabeth.drummond@mansfield.ox.ac.uk

**LGBTQ+ Tutor**

Ros Ballaster may be contacted by email and can meet by phone or by Microsoft Teams
ros.ballaster@mansfield.ox.ac.uk

**Tutor for Racial Inclusion**

Helen Mountfield co-organises the termly forum for Amplifying Voices of Students of Colour and can be contacted by email on principal@mansfield.ox.ac.uk

**Tutor for Disabilities**

Andrew Higgins deals with disability related welfare issues. andrew.higgins@mansfield.ox.ac.uk
Academic Support Tutor:
Gail Leckie
offers one to one study skills support for any undergraduate of any subject, to discuss any concerns you have about your academic work broadly construed.

Email: gail.leckie@mansfield.ox.ac.uk for an appointment.

Royal Literary Fund Fellow:
Jon Stock
provides academic writing support for all students, undergraduate or postgraduate. One to one sessions are for 50 minutes and take place online.

To book a slot, email jon.stock@rlfeducation.org.uk.
An emergency is a situation where there is a risk of serious and imminent harm. In an emergency:

Call 999 if appropriate first, then phone The Porter’s Lodge: 01865 270999

Porters will arrange for appropriate staff, usually Junior Deans, to respond. You can also ring Junior Deans on your site direct during their duty hours (see JD poster for contact details of additional Ablethorpe provision).

Never rely on emailing or texting in an emergency.

**Mansfield Welfare Team**

All of us on the welfare team can provide a space to listen and talk through your concerns. We can also offer advice on some practical matters and signpost you to other sources of help. Please email us to arrange a time to speak

**Tutor for Welfare:**
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**Welfare Junior Deans**
The Welfare Junior Deans are postgraduate students living in college and trained in listening support. They are:

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They can be rung 6pm-2am wks 0-10

**Student to student support**

**Peer Supporters:** mansfield.ox.ac.uk/welfare and posters around college
**JCR Welfare Rep:** ellie.scyner@mansfield.ox.ac.uk
**MCR Welfare Rep:** daria.jensen@mansfield.ox.ac.uk

**External Medical Support**

**College GP** (St Clements Surgery):
01865 248 550, Mon-Fri
**NHS Out of hours service:** 111
**NHS emergency:** 999

**External Welfare Support**

**University Counselling Service**
Email counselling@admin.ox.ac.uk to book an appointment.

**Talking Space Plus**
Self/GP-referral for psychological treatments
www.oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/talkingspaceplus/

**Oxford Safe Haven**
Weekend out-of-hours, non-clinical space offering crisis & listening support. Call in advance.
Open Fri - Mon from 5pm - 10pm
tel: 01865 903 037
e-mail: oxonsafehaven@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk