

# THE HUGHESLETTER

Your weekly updates from Hughes Hall, Cambridge



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# WHAT'S UP AT THE MCR?

## *MCR Statement about Friday's events*

Hey all,

As you will already know, a number of frankly disgusting acts occurred on Friday where a couple of individuals were spiked via needle during the Christmas bop. This was also accompanied by at least one complaint of sexual harassment. This goes against every value Hughes has and in particular what our bops are for. They should be seen as a safer space for people to enjoy themselves and celebrate a tough term than clubs and bars in town. This time, we fell short as organisers and we sincerely apologise.

Over the course of the weekend, I have been trying to gather more information to ensure we act accordingly. This is why I have only followed up our Female and Non-Binary Officer's email today. After talking with college, I can confirm that Friday's bop is under both an internal college investigation and, as this is now a criminal case, a police investigation, who were contacted immediately once the spiking incident was raised.

It is important we respect these investigations. It is therefore difficult for the college or ourselves to share any more information than we have already until these investigations conclude. But, rest assured, the focus is on finding any individuals who were involved in committing such a horrendous act and ensuring that justice is served. Tori has been in touch for those who need welfare support at this current time.

Once investigations are concluded, the MCR committee are looking to act and make radical and rational changes to ensure people feel safer around college and, in particular, during social events like the bop. The MCR Vice-President Internal, Zainab Rehman, will lead a committee looking at ways we can change the bop to reduce the risk of spiking and harassment. This committee will also focus on re-educating students about how to reduce the risk of spiking, as well as staff when required. She will work closely with our bar manager, Kelsey Graber, to ensure the right changes are made, as well as college. Kelsey will also be focusing on re-training bar staff to ensure they are better equipped to deal with these situations during bops and other bar socials. No changes are off the cards right now and Zainab will be holding a number of open meetings to ensure we can take everyone's opinions into account when making these changes.

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## ***MCR Statement about Friday's events***

*Zainab will be in touch asking for a number of volunteers to join this committee in due course. For now, please direct any emails of concern to her at **mcr.vp.internal@hughes.cam.ac.uk**. We will also be in touch with any updates regarding the investigation.*

*Thank you for your understanding. We understand this is an incredibly emotional situation for many of our Hughes community but I am asking, where possible, to respect the investigation taking place and we will keep you up to date with how this goes.*

*Cheers and I hope you all have a great week,  
Jordan and the MCR Committee*

## ***Closure of MCR Bar***

The MCR Bar will be closed on Saturday 11 December, and reopening Thursday 13 January. Thank you for your support over Michaelmas Term



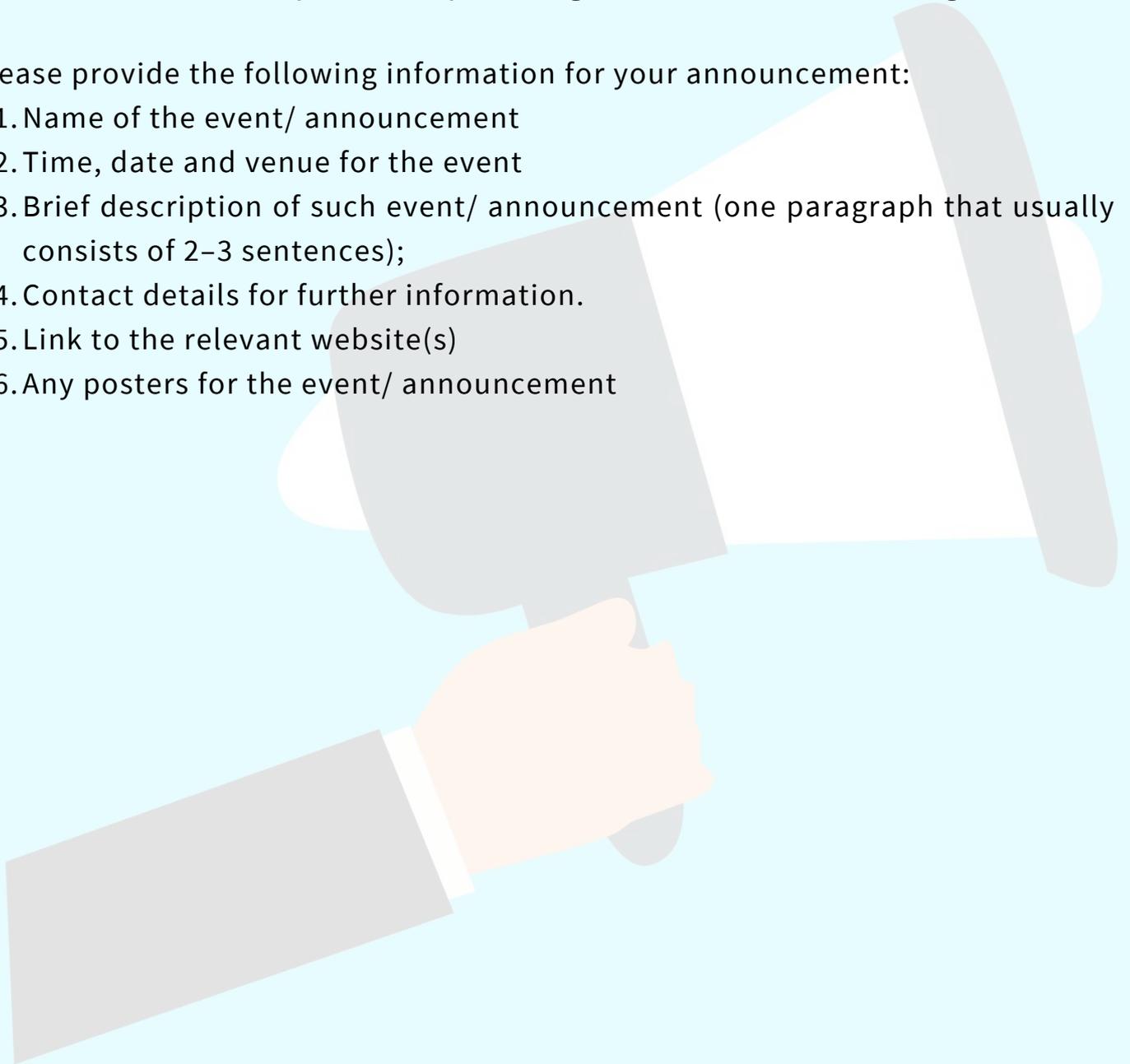
# ADVERTISE WITH THE MCR

Please send announcements or information that you would like to circulate to the Hughes Hall student body to ***mcr.secretary@hughes.cam.ac.uk***.

The Hughesletter will be circulated every Monday of the week and will include announcements sent by the Friday evening before the scheduled Hughesletter.

Please provide the following information for your announcement:

1. Name of the event/ announcement
2. Time, date and venue for the event
3. Brief description of such event/ announcement (one paragraph that usually consists of 2–3 sentences);
4. Contact details for further information.
5. Link to the relevant website(s)
6. Any posters for the event/ announcement



# ADVERTISE WITH THE MCR

## *Hughes Hall Christian Society*

Curious to find out more about the world's largest religion? Or just looking to join a Christian community in Hughes Hall? We warmly invite you to join our weekly sessions for a time of fellowship, worship, and Bible study! It is also a safe space for anyone to explore the Christian faith. What's more, we're now meeting in person too!

**Day: Mondays**

**Time: 2000-2100**

Feel free to ping either Joel Chang (rjic2) or Jedidiah Koh (jk810) for more information, including the physical meeting venue!

We are also on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)! Do follow us and like our page to receive more info!

## *"Shut up and Write" Sessions*

**Wednesday 8 December, 2:00 – 3:00 pm, Council Room**

**Thursday 16 December, 3:00 – 4:00 pm, [Zoom](#)**

Do you ever find it hard to focus and write?

Join a Shut Up and Write session: dedicated time to do nothing but write in a quiet and supportive environment. Whether you're writing an essay, a thesis or your next novel, you are welcome to join this supportive environment.

Led by the Hughes Hall Library Team, the sessions are open to all current students of Hughes Hall.

What you'll need:

- Your device (and power cable) / paper and pens
- Drinks and snacks
- A piece of writing you want to work on

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## *Cambridge University Science and Policy Exchange*

### **Workshop on food security**

Running on the **30th November 5-7pm**, this interactive workshop will look at 'The Future of Food Security in the UK: Balancing Short and Long-Term Policy'.

The workshop will be led by Professor Tony Heron, Professor of International Political Economy at the University of York, whose research focuses on global food systems and political economy of trade and development.

We will be discussing the recommendations of the independent Trade and Agriculture Commission and the Government's response to these recommendations with a critical and interactive group activity.

- You can get tickets for the event [here](#).

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## *Minerva Festival 2022*

We are fundraising for young people leaving care to complete hands-on paid work experience with Cambridgeshire County Council.

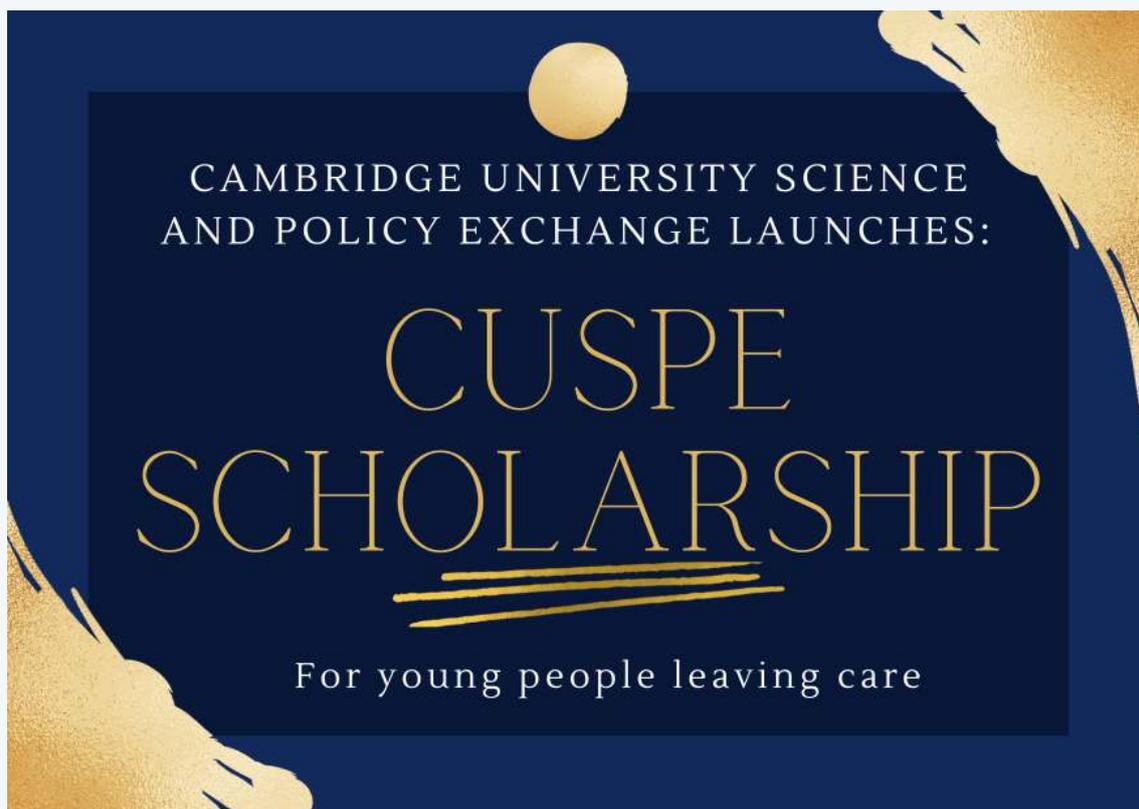
Young people leaving care normally face a difficult transition into adulthood. They often must overcome several hurdles when they leave care.

The support given to so many young people in Cambridge from guardians when moving away from home - being dropped off at university, getting help buying homeware, and going home for a weekend or Christmas - is not available to these young people.

Please support this scholarship by purchasing merchandise from the following link: <https://www.redbirdsupplyuk.com/cuspe>

100% of the proceeds will go towards the CUSPE Scholarship and will directly impact the life of a young person leaving care.

If you have any questions or would like to make a separate donation, please contact Ernestine at [vicepresident@cuspe.org](mailto:vicepresident@cuspe.org).



# ADVERTISE WITH THE MCR

## *Cambridge-McKinsey Risk Prize competition*

The Centre for Risk Studies is excited to announce the launch of their 2022 Cambridge-McKinsey Risk Prize competition. In conjunction with McKinsey & Company, the Centre runs an annual competition awarding a prize for the best submission on risk management by a current post-graduate student from any department at the University of Cambridge. The winner will be awarded a prize of £3,000 at the Centre for Risk Studies' annual conference in June 2022.

You are warmly invited to join Professor Daniel Ralph, Academic Director, Centre for Risk Studies for the official launch on Monday 22nd November 2021 at 17:45 – 18:30 UK time (on Zoom or in person at the CJBS).

As space is limited this year, we kindly ask if you would indicate your preference for either the virtual or in person meeting [here](#). We will forward on the Zoom and room details as soon as we hear from you.

For further information regarding the Risk Prize please visit [The Risk Prize](#) and [how to apply](#).

We look forward to hearing from you!