

**St Catharine's College MCR Open Meeting**  
**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2009**

1. Welcome

2. Doug presented this year's budget (see his presentation).

Two additional points were made. It was questioned whether it is worth spending MCR money on newspapers when the general impression is that they are not used very much. This topic was dealt with last year when we reduced the number of newspapers to one per day, and there were some members who objected to stopping the newspapers altogether. Secondly we will need to dip into the surplus money from previous years to clean the stonework around the mantelpiece in the MCR, so this should be taken into account when thinking about how much money we have.

3. College centre

The online presentation was viewed. College has asked for student input for designing the bar. Charlotte Housden and Sophie Lappe are our MCR representatives on the bar committee. The bar will be underground in the basement of the college centre. It will be bigger than our current bar with two spaces; one for sitting comfortably and the other for dancing. There will be some fixed seating but the games tables will be moveable to clear space for bops. College/the architects would like the bar to be original and have suggested making it dark like a night club. There will be a low ceiling and a few pillars with lights on due to the frame work of the building and this cannot be changed. There will be air conditioning and the walls will absorb sound so that the bar can be used whilst the college centre above is in use. There will be no natural light so the bar will need lots of lighting.

Send any suggestions/comments to Charlotte or Sophie. Suggestions made at the meeting were to have dimmer switches for the lights and a small stage for a band/DJ. Charlotte and Sophie will send around the details of the most recent bar committee meeting.

4. Any Other Business

i) Music room

Alex brought it to our attention that the music room has lots of space but no lockers to hold instruments. There was a suggestion to put in lockers, each big enough to hold a double base, and also to put in some filing cabinets to store printed music. Becky is to send Alex (abh34) contact details of Catz' music fellow so that we can hopefully get his support for the idea of lockers and a filing cabinet.

ii) The MCR should include in the next bulletin a note to inform people that there are MCR newspapers which anyone can collect from the porters lodge and leave in the MCR, and also that college has a music room which can be booked and the jey can be borrowed from the porters.