

eNewsletter — Hilary term 2024

HALL AND KITCHEN UPDATE

After the difficulties the project ran into last year, it's a relief to report that work on the Hall and kitchen is now progressing well and that the anticipated completion date is at the end of June.

Acoustic panels have been incorporated into the Hall ceiling and the painting is almost finished. The tables, which were until recently being used in the Lawns Pavilion, have now been despatched for repair and polishing in time for the re-opening of the Hall.

In January, the concrete lift shaft and parts of its steel frame were installed; this lift will give access to all floors from the Beer Cellar upwards.



Above, the Hall ceiling with acoustic deadening panels (covered with protective sheeting), and the new colour on the walls; left, the servery area between the new kitchen and the Hall, which will have a glazed roof

Work has started on the rebuilding of the kitchen, which is one of the most significant parts of the whole scheme. The installation of kitchen equipment will mark the final phase of the project.

Once the Hall and kitchen have come back into use, the Lawns Pavilion will be dismantled and removed, the ground source heat pumps that will heat the Jackson Building will be sunk into the lawn, and then work can begin on the herbaceous border and the restoration of the garden. [Read more](#)

MCR Research Showcase

Come and hear the latest research being undertaken by Trinity's talented postgraduate students at this term's MCR Showcase, taking place at 5pm on Tuesday, 27 February.

Subjects covered at previous showcases have ranged from sustainable plastics and deep learning artificial intelligence, to the geopolitics of narrative style, all in a series of three- to five-minute talks, with a question and answer session, and a chance for further discussion over refreshments afterwards.

This is a great opportunity to interact with MCR members and learn about their work. The event is open to all and admission is by ticket, available free of charge from [Tickets Oxford](#).

As well as the MCR Showcase, the 2023-24 season of Trinity Events—talks, recitals and tours—continues, and details are on the [website](#).



From celebration dinners to wild swimming

As Hilary term reached its midpoint last week, Halfway Hall was held for second-year undergraduates, a chance to celebrate all they have achieved so far. As a key part of a student's collegiate experience, the college feels that marking this milestone should be open to everyone, regardless of financial constraints, so it is subsidised by the college, and this year was fully supported by the Annual Fund, thanks to donations from Old Members and Friends.

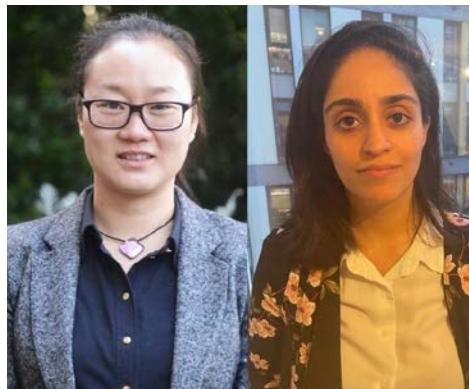
Earlier in term, there was another celebratory dinner, for last summer's Blades-winning W1 crew. Over the four days of Summer Eights, they bumped each of LMH, St Catz, Somerville, and Linacre. This was the first W1 Summer VIII's boat to win blades since 1991, and only the second time in Boat Club history.

Meanwhile, out on the river, a men's and a women's VIII entered the Quintin Head races in London; the men were the second fastest Oxford college men's boat on the river, and the women came fifth in their division.



In the water in a different way, the MCR's Wild Swimming Club (*left*) is swimming outdoors in icy waters around Oxford every day in February to raise funds for the Brain Tumour Charity, in memory of Brett Ellingham, brother of Trinity porter Kirk. To read more or support the challenge, go to the club's [GoFundMe page](#).

Indoors, events in College have included a speaker event organised by the Gryphon Society, with Dr Aaron Maniam (Somerville, 1998; Fellow of Practice and Director, Digital Education Transformation at the Blavatnik School of Government) speaking about the art of navigating digitalisation and policy-making. The MCR, meanwhile, celebrated Burns Night with a Ceilidh and has shown off its collective performance skills with an 'MCR's Got Talent' show (*below*), featuring everything from classical music and comedy, to Brazilian singing.



Welcoming new Tutorial Fellows

Trinity welcomed two new Tutorial Fellows, Dong (Lilly) Liu and Meera Mehta, at the start of this term.

Dong Liu has joined Trinity as the Tutorial Fellow in Engineering. Previously at the University of Bristol, her expertise lies in the area of real-time, high-temperature multiple-scale microstructural and mechanical characterization of advanced materials.

Meera Mehta is the new Tutorial Fellow in Inorganic Chemistry; her research is in understanding the fundamental chemistry of earth-abundant and inexpensive elements to provide synthetic science with more sustainable catalysts and materials. Before coming to Trinity, she was a Lecturer at the University of Manchester. [Read more...](#)

In other Fellows' news, Professorial Fellow, Dame **Frances Ashcroft** has [won the Rolf Luft Award](#) for her contribution to diabetes research, and Professor **Charlotte Williams** is the lead author of [a paper published this month](#) that has outlined ambitious targets to deliver a sustainable and net zero plastic economy.

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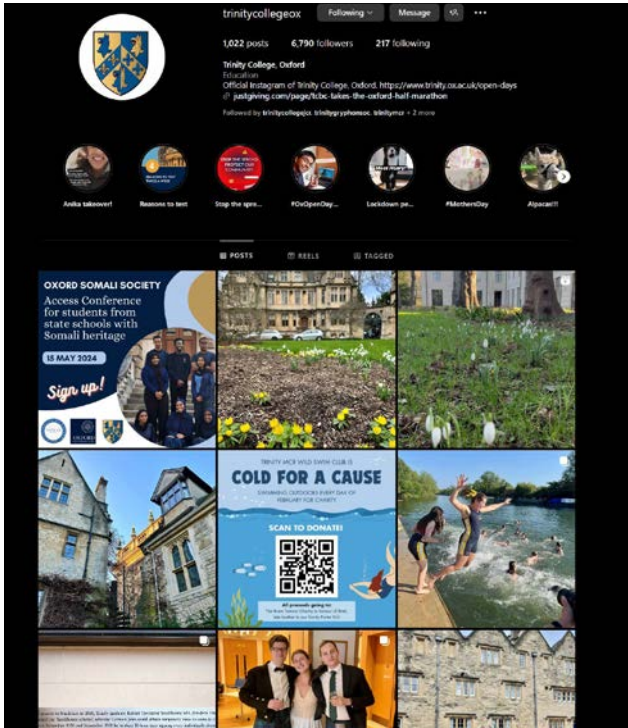
The next Newsletter will be published in the spring. If you have any news you would like to see included in either the spring Newsletter (deadline for news, 4 March) or summer edition, please contact [Tom Knollys](#). You can check that your contact details are up to date on the [Trinity Net](#) update page (for Old Members with a log in) or by [email](#).

Forthcoming events

- HISTORY DINNER**
Saturday 9 March
- GAUDY 1974-1978**
Saturday 16 March
- MCR GAUDY**
Friday to Sunday, 12 to 14 April
- CHAPEL CHOIR REUNION**
Saturday 27 April
- 'FIFTY PLUS YEARS ON' LUNCH**
Sunday 19 May
- RALPH BATHURST SOCIETY DINNER**
Saturday 15 June
Invitations will be sent in March
- GAUDY 1979-1983**
Saturday 22 June

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