



College Statement of Purpose

RESPONSIBLE COMMITTEE: General Purposes Committee

RESPONSIBLE OFFICER: President

LINKED DOCUMENTS: College: None

LINKED DOCUMENTS: Other: None

Annual Review date: First meeting of Hilary Term

PURPOSE OF POLICY

1. This statement sets out the purpose of the College.

POLICY

St John's College: statement of purpose

2. To maintain and enhance the College's reputation for academic achievement by its undergraduates, graduate students and senior members.
3. To admit men and women to read for undergraduate degrees, using no criteria other than being applicants of the highest academic potential. In the light of the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic to assist affected students with extra study with needed and, as regards fees and maintenance, to support financially disadvantaged students in their undergraduate studies.
4. To admit to the College the most able and promising graduate students that the University has selected; to provide them with appropriate guidance and supervision and funding where possible; to provide an intellectually stimulating research community to foster the interactions graduates have with Fellows and senior academics within and outside St John's.
5. To maintain and add to the community of senior Fellows, especially teaching Fellows, in as wide a range of academic disciplines as feasible, and to ensure that undergraduate and graduate students are taught, in tutorials and supervisions, by established tutors and researchers of the highest calibre; to broaden further the College's research activity by providing appropriate support to all categories of Fellows; to encourage cross-disciplinary and international exchange.
6. To engage with alumni through social and academic events; to encourage alumni to support the College's social and educational objectives through renewed philanthropy and active interest in the College's achievements and future goals.
7. To provide the wherewithal, for present and future teaching and research needs; to maintain the fabric of the College, mindful of the great historical significance of the



site, and to add to it when new educational objectives and opportunities present themselves; to enable St John's to play a full and proper part in the collegiate University's overall academic strategy.

8. Governing Body to ensure that it is understood by the College community as a whole, that principles of free expression, academic freedom, autonomy, confidentiality, privacy, and equality of rights, according to law, provide the overarching context within which the Prevent duty is to be considered; and that our *Prevent* duty strategy should be implemented in a manner that is proportionate and positively secures and protects those rights.

STATEMENT HISTORY

<i>Date of GB approval</i>	<i>Brief summary of changes</i>	<i>Confirmation that linked documents have updated if necessary</i>	<i>College policy register updated</i>
March 2015	First version	Confirmed	na
June 2016	Inclusion of paragraph 8 in response to the <i>Prevent</i> duty legislation.	Confirmed	Yes (Sandra Campbell)
March 2017	Policy reviewed by Committee	Confirmed	Yes (Sandra Campbell)
March 2018	Policy reviewed by Committee and subsequently approved by GB	Confirmed	Yes (Sandra Campbell)
Jan 2019	Policy reviewed by Committee and subsequently approved by GB	Confirmed	Yes (Sandra Campbell)
Feb 2020	Policy reviewed by Committee and subsequently approved by GB	Confirmed	Yes (Kate Doornik)
Jan 2021	Policy reviewed and updated by Committee and subsequently approved by GB	Confirmed	Yes (Sandra Campbell)