

STATEMENT

Further to its statement on 15th November 2019, St John's College notes the Oxford Union's 'unreserved apology' to Ebenezer Azamati for the way in which he was treated while attending an event and its subsequent withdrawal of the unwarranted charges of violent misconduct.

A spokesperson for the College said:

'Ebenezer Azamati was treated in an indefensible way while attending an Oxford Union event. The College calls on the Oxford Union to go further than its 'unreserved apology' issued over the weekend and to take action to ensure that such an incident never happens again.

The College continues to provide Mr Azamati with support following the incident.'

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Notes to Editors

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St John's College

Established in 1555 as a constituent college of the University of Oxford, St John's College fosters excellence in education and research and is committed to equality and diversity. It is one of the largest among Oxford Colleges and offers tuition in nearly every subject studied at the University. Today, St John's is home to approximately 390 undergraduates, 250 graduate students, 100 fellows and 25 College lecturers. A vibrant international community, it fosters intellectual rigour, creativity, and independence in its students, teachers, and researchers. The College supports a range of research activities including discussions, seminars, workshops, public lectures and visiting scholar schemes. While scholarly publication is naturally at the heart of the College's research endeavours, the Fellowship is also committed to informing policy and public debate, and to teaching that is informed by research findings.

Through the College's work on access to all aspects of its day-to-day activities, the College has due regard for its legal commitments under the Equality Act to promote equality, diversity and inclusion. As examples, members of Governing Body and key College committees, and all staff involved in admissions or appointments undergo appropriate equality and diversity training.