Dear Hertford Community,

It’s the last week of term and we are writing to wish all our Exeter students well as they leave us for their summer break. We hope you have an enjoyable and restful break. Please do have a socially distanced and safe break – we will be back very soon! We wish you all the best for your exams and hope you have something fun planned for the break.

I can’t help but think about the next term, and I hope you are feeling as excited as I am to get back together. We have done so much over the last year and hope we all continue to do so.

In the meantime, we have tried to make sure this issue of *Hertford College Magazine* is packed with lots of interesting things to read and fun to do. Here are some ideas.

**Hertford College Library**

The student bar reopened last weekend after two years out in the marquee. It was a great moment and our students are thrilled to be back enjoying normal college life. It’s not all been plain sailing, though – I never imagined that one of my jobs as Principal would be to keep the library shut for so long!

Having worked in it as a student and worked hard as JCR President to keep it open, I am thrilled to see it now buzzing with students and full of books. The library is our home, and I love seeing students in it and hearing the sounds of paper rustling and people working on their essays. We are all longing for that.

Earlier this week, the sun was starting to reflect again on the Rad Cam, and it is easier to imagine a normal college again, something that most of us would like to see happen soon.

**Hertford College Events**

As ever, there is plenty of Hertford content for you to dip in to.

- **Philharmonic Society’s inaugural drinks reception**
- **University Challenge**
- **John Porter Diplomacy Centre**
- **Shadow Education Secretary**
- **My Oxford Online**
- **New Professors Lambros Malafouris, Jieun Kiaer & Vlad Vyazovskiy**

**Hertford College Alumni**

Congratulations to new Professors Jieun Kiaer, Lambros Malafouris and Vlad Vyazovskiy on their appointments to the College. It is great to welcome them to Hertford.

- **New JCR & MCR Presidents, Eloise George and Teresa Taylor**

**Hertford College Exeter College**

There are always issues of the Magazine, stretching back to 1910, available on the college website – enjoy and let us know if you find any hidden gems.

- **Books**
  - Suzanne Heywood’s brilliant biography, *The Lyrics*, which he edited. I spent much of the break enjoying *The Lyrics* and hearing the songs it inspired at the premiere of the new Simon and Garfunkel musical, *The Last Ship*.
  - Joanne Harris’s *A toxic cocktail*.
  - Charles Wolfe’s *On storytelling in verse*.

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If you have any feedback on *Hertford College Magazine* or any ideas for future issues, please do get in touch with me.

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