

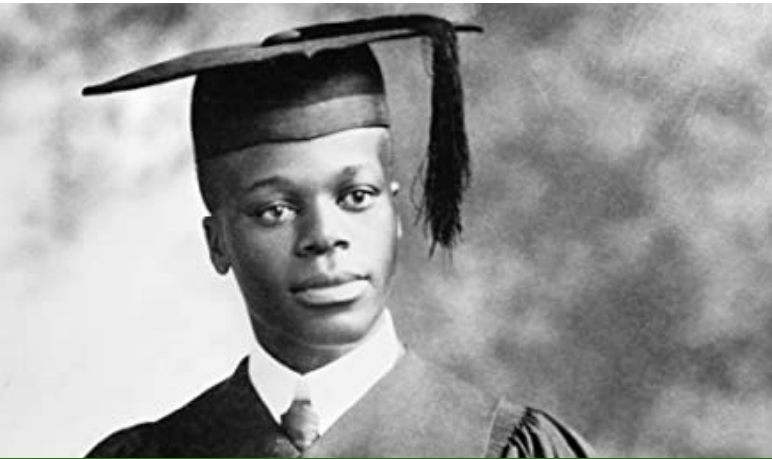


# College Newsletter

*Hilary Term 2024*

**Week 1**

**News and events from across the Jesus College community**



*READ ON: Room renaming celebrates diversity*



*READ ON: Hub Programme launches with interactive climate workshop*



## Jesus becomes first Oxbridge college to open dedicated esports facility

Jesus College, in collaboration with the Oxford University Gaming and Esports Society (OUGES) and commercial partner AFK Group, has become the first Oxbridge college to launch a dedicated esports facility.

The AFK Esports Suite is located in the fully repurposed and renovated computer room in Third Quad, and is available to all OUGES gamers to train for, and participate in, competitive esports leagues with peers at other academic institutions. The space also provides high-end computer facilities for students to take part in skills workshops on topics such as coding, CGI design and AI technologies. Over 80 guests attended an official launch event (left) in December, which included a live-streamed esports competition, panel discussion and drinks reception.

In March 2024, the Cheng Kar Shun Digital Hub programme will host ESI Next Gen, a two-day conference on esports and gaming in education and research. More information about the conference can be found on the College website.

## Shakespeare Project heads to Solihull

Fresh from the success of its sold out production of *Richard III* (cast pictured right) in November, the Jesus College Shakespeare Project's next production, *Titus Andronicus*, will be one of the centrepiece events of the inaugural Solihull School Shakespeare Festival in March.

The one-day festival is aimed at young people of all educational backgrounds from across Solihull and the West Midlands region. It includes lectures and workshops by eminent Shakespeare scholars, drama workshops, a concert of music inspired by Shakespeare performed by the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra, and an 'in conversation' event with actor Dame Eileen Atkins.



## Organ scholar gives school talk

Senior Organ Scholar Ollie Edwardes gave a talk on the organ to Year 11 & 12 students from King Edward VI School in Stratford-upon-Avon in December. The students were visiting the town's medieval Guild Chapel, and were able to have a go at playing the Chapel's organ as part of their trip.

## Digital Hub launches HT24 programme with climate change workshop

This term's Cheng Kar Shun Digital Hub programme kicks off with an interactive workshop on climate change.

At *Good COP, Bad COP: Can we solve Climate Change? (Thursday 1st Feb, 17.30 - 19.00)* you can have a go at using En-ROADS, a global climate simulator that enables users to explore the impact that dozens of policies – such as electrifying transport, pricing carbon and improving agricultural practices – have on factors like temperature, air quality and sea level rise. As we've seen in COP28, there are numerous areas where action can lead to impact.

The En-ROADS simulator, which has been used by governments across the world, helps people make connections between the possibilities available to ensure a resilient



future, and provides an insight in to how international climate negotiations work. The workshop is led by Jesus alumnus Dr David Preece (2001, Geography), Head of Geography at TeachFirst. Tickets are FREE and include pizza and drinks. All members of College are welcome.

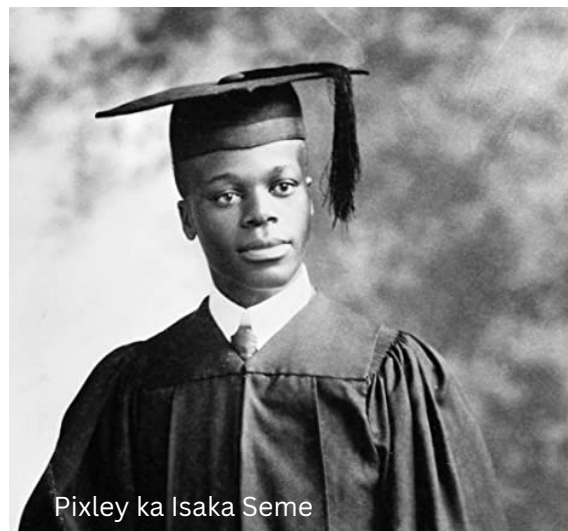
**Book now using this QR code.**



## Rooms renamed to celebrate diversity in College

Jesus alumni Norman Washington Manley (1914, Law) and Pixley ka Isaka Seme (1906, Law) have had College meeting rooms named in their honour, following proposals from the JCR and MCR to diversify the naming of College spaces.

The Upper SCR has been renamed the Norman Washington Manley Room. Manley, whose portrait hangs in the Hall, was Chief Minister of Jamaica from 1955-1959, and Premier of Jamaica from 1959-62. Room 5.1 becomes the Pixley ka Isaka Seme Room in tribute to Seme's remarkable life, and his pioneering political activism in South Africa in the early 20th century which led to his founding of the African National Congress in 1912. All room booking systems have been updated to reflect these changes.



Pixley ka Isaka Seme



## Carbon footprint project begins

Jesus has begun a project to establish its baseline carbon footprint, as part of our wider goal to become net zero carbon by 2035. The project will be undertaken by members of the College's new Environmental Sustainability Working Group, in collaboration with a sustainability consultant. This is an important step in working towards a 'greener Jesus' and the baseline data will enable us to measure and share our progress towards carbon neutrality in the coming years.

## Cheng Yu Tung Building wins design award

The Cheng Yu Tung Building has won an FX International Interior Design Award 2023 in the Public Sector category. The FX Awards celebrate the best interior products and projects, and the new building was highly praised for its '*series of striking architectural spaces*'. Mandy Franz and Stuart Cade (pictured right) from MICA Architects collected the award at a special ceremony in December.

Last year the building won Project of the Year at the OxPropFest Awards 2023 and was shortlisted for the prestigious Architects' Journal Architecture Awards 2023 in the Higher Education Project category. In addition, it was awarded a certificate by the Oxford Preservation Trust at their annual prize-giving event.



# Upcoming events

- **Hilary Fair**

**Tuesday 23rd January, 10.00 - 16.00**

**Oxford Town Hall**

Join Oxford SU for Hilary Fair, an opportunity to reconnect with Oxford at the start of 2024! Expect local charities, local businesses, and big brands, as well as exploring the various ways you can get involved with your SU and the University.

- **Chaucer Here and Now**

**Weston Library, until April 28th**

Curated by former Jesus Fellow Marion Turner, and drawing on material ranging from the earliest known manuscript of The Canterbury Tales to contemporary adaptations in theatre and film, this exhibition explores the many creative responses to Chaucer and asks why this medieval author still fascinates so many people today.

- **Good COP, Bad COP: Can we solve Climate Change?**

**Thursday 1st Feb, 17.30 - 19.00**

**Digital Hub**

Grab a slice of pizza and form a team to explore and test solutions to climate change using the EN-ROADS simulator. How much can you reduce the rate of global warming by ending the use of fossil fuels, pricing carbon or improving agricultural practices? An interactive event for all College members. Book via QR code on Page 2.



- **Ethics in the Metaverse**

**Tues 13th February, 14.00 - 16.30**

**Digital Hub**

Explore the potentials and pitfalls of interacting in virtual environments and gaming spaces through the insights of Jamaican school students who took part in a unique metaverse project. Tickets are FREE. Book via QR code below.

- **Entrepreneurship in the Digital Age X Hult Prize Startup Competition**

**Tues 20th February, 17.00 - 19.30**

**Digital Hub**

An evening of exciting pitches and inspirational talks by budding and successful entrepreneurs. Tickets are FREE. Refreshments provided. Book via QR code..



## GET IN TOUCH

If you have news or an event you'd like to share across our community, we'd love to hear from you. Please get in touch with Jude Eades, Communications Manager, at [jude.eades@jesus.ox.ac.uk](mailto:jude.eades@jesus.ox.ac.uk)

Deadline for Week 5 edition: February 5th 2024



**Jesus College**  
OXFORD