Did you know that we regularly send out College news and invitations to events by email? Please be sure to let us have your current email address if you want to keep in touch.

**Listing**

**Merchandise**

These products are available through our website: ccc.ox.ac.uk/merchandise

The Great Little College

*Corpus Christi College – A History*

*Treasures from the Library*

Daring to be Wise

*Corpus Silver – Patronage & Plate*

The Fox, The Bees and The Pelican

*Raising the Ladder*

Corpuscles

*An Oxford College At War*

Whisky Glass

*Limited stock*

Earrings

*Mug*

*Stylus Pen*

Fostering a caring community

**Effie Amah-Tetteh**

This year I have the honour and privilege of being the Vice President of the Oxford African and Caribbean Society. It comes with many challenges which are inextricably linked: the restriction on social gatherings with our community, our members feeling more isolated as we can no longer see each other as much as we were accustomed to, and freshers whom we won’t be able to meet properly for a considerable amount of time.

It’s difficult to keep the family vibes going when we’re limited to Facebook, WhatsApp and Zoom, but it’s also a chance to think more creatively and broadly about the needs and wants of all our society’s members.

With the resurgence of the Black Lives Matter movement, the world is questioning its explicit and unconscious race biases. In a university as prestigious as Oxford, we as a community have found ourselves questioning our identities in a state of quasi-lockdown, while the realities of systemic racism are debated, our struggles often forgotten or overlooked and our University absolving itself in many cases – like putting a statue above the welfare of its black students.

It’s very difficult to take up space here in a normal year, constantly feeling the need to prove something as a student, more so as a black student. This year, the welfare of black students is more important than ever. While the ACS is a diverse community, we all support each other through our societal hardships as well as the usual, crazy amount of work.

Within College, the Chaplain Judith Maltby, the MCR Diversities Officer Zeinab Ali and I put together a Black History Month film series to give fellow Corpuscles an opportunity to learn, unlearn and discuss. I’m proud to say this is not Corpus’s first step in unlearning and de-structuring systemic racism within our community; the black Corps have been in talks with the President; Jessica Fatoye and Tyrell Gabriel raised £850 with Students Support Black Lives Matter t-shirts (sold out but still in demand!); and our JCR President, Matt Carlton, has been proactive and supportive throughout.

To me, this and more is a testament to the ethos of our community and the wonderful human beings whom our college attracts.

What do I want to achieve in my year of Vice Presidency? This is difficult to sum into an amount or even a phrase, but ultimately my goal is to continue to foster the lively and loving environment of our community for every African and Caribbean student, to grow our social media presence and help as many prospective applicants of African and Caribbean descent as we can.

By the end of my year, I want each of our members to have at least one fond memory of our time here as a community, even if it is virtual. I want to lighten the weight of the world for our members, even if just for one Zoom call. I want everyone to be able to say that they were still able to feel a little bit of home.

**The ultimate self-study guide**

Tom Flatters, third-year materials scientist, is one of four Oxford undergraduates who helped to make self-study easier for students in Britain and beyond. During lockdown, they produced an e-book called *Learn Better at Home*. Drawing on scientific research and the anecdotal experience of its four authors, the e-book explained how students can find and harness motivation, get down to work, and work effectively. It was offered on a pay-as-you-want basis, with half of its proceeds going to GiveDirectly and the other half to The Life You Can Save, a non-profit body that advances the most cost-effective interventions against developing-world hardship. £1,000 has already been raised.