STATEMENT

St John’s College encouraged by support for The Lamb & Flag’s future

Following Lamb & Flag (Oxford) Limited’s announcement that the company will close and cease trading at the pub effective 31 January 2021, St John’s College has received a number of enquiries about future operations at the pub. The College is encouraged by the support and appreciation shown for The Lamb & Flag, which confirm the special place it holds in Oxford’s history.

As noted in the previous statement: "The pub will remain in the College’s ownership and the focus now is to work to look beyond the present situation and ensure the pub’s long-term future is secured."

Given the challenges the College faces during the COVID-19 restrictions, the College is not in a position to discuss future commercial arrangements for the pub at this stage. However, despite the immediate uncertainties, the College remains optimistic for the longer-term future of The Lamb & Flag pub.

Notes to Editors

All enquiries should be directed to Ms Iris Burke, Bursary Manager (bursary.manager@sjc.ox.ac.uk; (01865) 277321)

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.