

MCR Green Officers

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We are very passionate about gardening, plants, sustainability and all things green. Last year, we served as joint Green Officers.

In the last year, we:

- Successfully ran a plant adoption scheme, where students were provided with seeds for crop-producing plants that can be grown indoors. Multiple students and even some of the porters participated.
- Ran the green house and vegetable gardens. We grew a wide variety of vegetables including zucchinis, tomatoes, sugar snaps, French beans, runner beans, leeks, celery, carrots, lettuce, onions, garlic, and potatoes. The produce was distributed among the gardening society members, this term's freshers, and MCR students living in the Wolfson flats.
- Dug an additional bed around the green house for wild flowers, to contribute to the well-being of pollinators on College grounds.



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As MCR Green Officers, we aspire to:

- Continue improving Churchill College's already-excellent environmental practices.
- Engage more actively with the Green Impact Challenge so that we can maintain our platinum award level.
- Work with the Environmental and Ethics Officer in the JCR to promote environmentally sustainable practices within Churchill College.
- Be actively involved in running the greenhouse. This includes planning crop plantings, organizing watering schedules and running regular gardening sessions. We learned a lot last year and have many ideas for improving yield and productivity. We also have ideas to keep growing crops in the greenhouse over the winter.
- Ensure that the raised garden beds are well-cared for and are planted with vegetables for the consumption of the gardening society and members of the MCR.
- Organize more events related to gardening and green practices, such as trips to the botanical gardens and the plant adoption scheme.

