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### WELCOME TO YOUR HCUK NEWSLETTER

Dear HCUK members

I hope everyone has had a strong start to 2016! We have a number of events lined up for 2016 and I am pleased to announce our special interest groups (SIGs) are gaining much popularity amongst Club members As always, if you have an idea for an event or SIG please contact our Club administrator, Verity Langely at <u>vil@me.com</u> who will put you in touch with the events team. This year marks the 100th anniversary of the HCUK and we hope commemorate this special occasion throughout the year. Finally, if you haven't renewed your membership, please do so on our website, Harvard Club of the United

Kingdom(http://ww m(<u>http://www.hcuk.org/memsub.html</u>). You may also set up a direct debit and Verity can help you with that Also, please feel free to forward this newsletter to a UK Harvard friend who is not a member of the club and encourage them to join.

Martha Genieser AB '91

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#### ADMISSIONS:

#### CLASS OF 2020 EARLY ADMITS RECEPTION:

A celebratory reception for the Class of 2020 early action admits was held on Friday, January 29th. There was an enthusiastic turn out in support of our now 23 (including one from Ireland) admits. Their parents, corresponding alumni interviewers and students who had deferred entry from last year were invited. HCUK President, Martha Genieser, enhanced the evening with some warm welcoming remarks and parents were invited to join the HCUK (at no charge for the first year). With a high turnout (approximately 60 attending) and lots of welcome mingling, the Class of 2020 appears to be off to a great start! Special thanks to Scott and Suling Mead for inviting us to host the event at their home.

REGULAR ADMISSION INTERVIEWS SUBMITTED: Special thanks to our dedicated alumni interviewers and and congratulations to Verity, our administrative backbone, for arranging for 505 students to be interviewed and reports to have been submitted. Verity's efforts were particularly appreciated as she adjusted to a new on-line interviewing system. Congratulations to all. We look forward to learning which students have been accepted in April!

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### HARVARD PRIZE BOOK

The Harvard Prize Book is awarded to "an outstanding student in the penultimate year who is academically excellent, exhibits exceptional personal qualities and makes a significant contribution to the school or community." The objective of the HCUK program is to raise Harvard's visibility amongst UK secondary schools and to encourage talented students to apply to Harvard College. In June, 135 Harvard Prize Book Program awards were mailed to UK based schools to be presented

Below is an example of an unsolicited response we received from a recent recipient of the prize:

"...I recently won the Harvard Book Prize and so would like to first and foremost express my multitudinous gratifications for such a prestigious consideration. Not to try and paint a sob story, but I genuinely could not believe the letter (I cried from shock). Although it wasn't addressed to me specifically and although I am aware that there is probably a standard letter sent to everyone who wins this award, I couldn't help but feel, for the first time, recognised for my efforts. I go to a regular state school and belong to a lower socioeconomic household so Harvard (sometimes even university as a concept) is really such stuff that dreams are made of. Its a dream I put away a long time ago as a 14 year old, and a dream that this letter has summoned. I am now happily forced to consider Harvard as one of my potential university applications. ...

We encourage all members to consider making a minimum contribution (to fund one prize) of £30 annually. Go to www.hcuk.org and click the Harvard Prize Book tab. Thank you!

# **PUBLIC SERVICE**

### HCUK Public Service

Did you know that the Harvard Club UK has a Public Services Group? It's worth a reminder for those of you who like to 'get involved' and do volunteering activities. We are happy to: • Take suggestions for volunteering opportunities • Advertise Alumni associated charities that need help (skills, rather than money – please) Listen to good ideas about what more we as an alumni community, might do. Please contact me: Tamara.howard@btinternet.com

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### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### VISIT OUR WEBSITE HCUK.ORG

#### FEBRUARY

Feb 2nd HBS and HCUK Joint Drinks http://www.hcuk.org/article.html?aid=390

Feb 4th Harvard Club of the UK Women in Digital event http://www.hcuk.org/article.html?aid=388

Feb 9th Harvard vs Yale: The Quiz http://www.hcuk.org/article.html?aid=395

Feb 25th Special Screening of 'Truth' (SOLD OUT) http://www.hcuk.org/article.html?aid=391

Feb 25th-28th HCUK Short Haul Travel Excursion http://www.hcuk.org/article.html?aid=381

Feb 26th Alexander Calder Private Lecture http://www.hcuk.org/article.html?aid=397

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### MAY

May 18th SAVE THE DATE! The Seven College Conference presents Tracey Chevalier at their annual luncheon

Please get in touch if you have space to donate for an event. Contact vil@me.com

JULY

July 30th SAVE THE DATE! HCUK 15 mile walk over the Seven Sisters

### **NON CLUB EVENTS**



FEBRUARY

### The 24th Annual All Ivy Plus Reception

Friday 19th February, 7PM-9PM East India Club, St James', SW1

The Cornell Club of London invites you and your guests to attend the 24th All Ivy Plus Winter Reception.

Initiated in 1993, the purpose of this event is to welcome new Ivy League and Seven College Conference Schools and other US college alumni to London, to make new friendships, to foster networking, and to provide a relaxed atmosphere for enjoyment by all in the centre of London.

A selection of wines, soft drinks and hors d'oeuvres will be served throughout the evening.

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To book, please either:

1. Send a cheque, payable to "Cornell Club of London" to: Cornell Club of London, 4 Betjeman Mews, London N5 2NB.

2. Email Natalie Teich (nmt4@cornell.edu) for bank transfer details.

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Coming soon

### **BULLETIN BOARD**

Verity Langley, Membership and Interview Coordinator of HCUK, is available for PA work, remote administration or occasional work in London. With experience of a wide range of professional assistance, she is available to work remotely or willing to travel if preferred.

> CV and references are available on request. Contact <u>vll@me.com</u>

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