

Applicant's Forum Moderation Policy

Applicant's Forum Objectives:

1. To provide a place for any potential applicant to ask questions and receive honest, accurate replies from anyone who can help.
2. To encourage Access to Downing by providing a friendly, welcoming online community where questions are met with helpful and considerate replies.

While it is not practical to operate an online discussion forum without some moderation, the JCR strongly supports the freedom of speech and expression for all as far as is possible. However, the primary objectives of the Applicant's Forum, as outlined above, should be reflected in the Moderation Policy.

The following will be edited/moderated/removed:

- Remarks likely to cause widespread offense on any grounds
- Any defamatory references to any individual or group of individuals
- A request from a user to remove a post in specific reference to them, even if disguised, sent to the JCR Communication's Officer
- Spam. Defined as illegible or incoherent postings made in jest, seriousness, or by accident which do not contribute to the flow of discussion on the Forum.
- Posts containing libellous comments or statements
- Posts which do not relate to the rest of the thread
- Factually inaccurate or incomplete posts
- Irrelevant, rude, offensive, obscene or argumentative posts.
- Any posts which the moderators believe are in the best interests of the College, the JCR, any individuals or the forum itself if they are removed.

Any posts which are moderated should not be deleted unless they are the first post of a thread. The moderated text of the post should be replaced with

Post Moderated on 01/01/2008 by ABC

Where 01/01/2008 is replaced with the date of moderation and ABC with the initials of the moderator.