GCR Motion Encouraging Sustainable Values within St Antony’s College

The St Antony’s GCR notes:

* Mitigating the effects of climate change has become one of the top priorities of higher education institutions. As students of one of the world’s most elite educational institutions, we have a duty to respond to the problems of climate change with our own individual choices, including the food we consume every day;
* If students ate less meat it would reduce or eliminate the need for intensive animal farming, which has a high impact on the environment;
* A shift to a diet that is less reliant on carbon-intensive animal products could enable individuals to reduce their dietary emissions by as much as 35 percent.[[1]](#footnote-1)

The St Antony’s GCR resolves:

1. To create a ‘vegetarian day’ once a week in the Dining Hall. On this day, no meat will be served in hot foods or the salad bar. The vegetarian day will also include vegan food options. The GCR believes that this move will create a more inclusive food space for students with vegetarian and vegan dietary preferences and requirements. Having a ‘vegetarian day’ will support the GCR’s and College’s commitments to going green;
2. To reduce the number of meat options served every day in the Dining Hall. Currently, every meal includes two meat options and a third vegetarian. We propose to move to one meat option and two vegetarian options to reduce the amount of meat being prepared. We propose that any animal products sourced be checked to ensure that they are being sourced ethically from reliable producers.
3. To make a ‘meat’ option a special dietary requirement at formal dinners. This means that unless specified otherwise by the individuals dining or booking guest tickets, all formal meals will be vegetarian.
4. To commit to creating a food compost bin for college housing in addition to general waste and recyclable waste bins. This will ensure the amount of landfill contributions by members of the College will reduce substantially.
5. To commit to reducing disposable waste in campus by gradually preventing the use of disposable glasses and other material that adds to our landfill contributions.

The St Antony’s GCR believes:

* The aforementioned resolutions, coupled with the College administration’s commitment to encouraging green energy, as well as its landscaping plans to create a greener quad after the construction works, will result in a more environmentally sustainable college campus.
1. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/food/articles/vegan_vs_flexitarian> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)