

STAAR Editorial Welcome

On behalf of everyone on the Editorial Board, here's a very warm welcome to the second edition of St Anne's Academic Review – STAAR. This issue we have reports on conferences that St Anne's students had attended, numerous fascinating research articles about a wide range of subjects from the JCR, MCR and SCR, as well as some very useful and uplifting advice about writing up a thesis. We hope very much that you will enjoy looking through as much as we enjoyed putting it together!

STAAR is very much in the vein of what makes St Anne's such a great college environment. Subject Family evenings are a wonderful opportunity to come along and listen to the kind of research carried out by our peers in the MCR and SCR, followed by a dinner where we can chat about our interests and share our ideas. Lunchtime Discussion Groups, organised by the MCR, but open to everyone in College, have been a great success (see STAAR 2009 and the appendix in this issue for more information). We invite external speakers from all sorts of fields to come and give a talk about their work, current affairs, recent books, anything, and encourage the audience to engage in discussion over some sandwiches in an informal setting.

STAAR, then, builds on the momentum and success of these events, and includes a lot more than merely research. It attempts to capture the essence of the spirit of the College, to bring its members together and to build a profile of what life is like here. We hope that you enjoy the second issue, and that you, like we, are looking forward to the next one!



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