



ST PETER'S  
COLLEGE  
UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

## Statement on institutional positioning

approved by the Governing Body on 12 February 2025

St Peter's College recognises freedom of speech as central to what an academic community is, as affirmed in the College's [Free Speech Statement](#). The College respects and promotes evidence-based enquiry, intellectual expertise and productive and respectful argument, recognising the value of being able to test and contest ideas and opinion with each other.

Individuals in the College care about, and have individually held strong opinions on, many causes beyond the central functions of the College. Individual senior members of the College may choose to take positions in wider debates on domestic and global public affairs. In doing so, they communicate on their own behalf, not on behalf of St Peter's College.

The College as an institution focuses its available resources on delivering on its [core mission](#). The College will speak out to defend our mission and community, including to advocate for and defend our institutional autonomy and academic freedom (for example on admissions, on appointments, on what is taught, on what is researched) when necessary. We do not take institutional positions in wider debates beyond our core mission, in order not to hinder, or divert from, delivery of that mission.