Joseph Mc Keon

Introduction:

My name is Joseph Mc Keon, and I am currently studying Law and French in Trinity. I come from the mighty metropolis that is Shercock in Co. Cavan and like many other JF students I have made the move from home to Dublin. This was a massive change for me, but it was made far easier thanks to Trinity Halls and the efforts of our JCR team. Many of the friends I have made this year have been because of JCR organised events which have always been something to look forward to. However, another crucial element of ensuring that my time here in Trinity Halls was as fruitful and enjoyable as possible has been that of a smooth and reliable technological infrastructure. It is my hope that I too will be able enhance the lives and experiences of the coming years students at Trinity Halls and it is my belief that the role best suited to my abilities is that of Tech Officer.

Past Experience and Qualifications:

- Computer building and repairs

- Inspired by YouTube videos 14-year-old me decided to build my very own computer. I spent months researching all the components, their functions and compatibilities, and how to assemble them and eventually I managed to build my very first PC. It was a great success and worked perfectly after I installed all the correct drivers and software. Having acquired expertise in PC building I decided to offer my services to others. I posted ads online offering custom built PCs and computer repairs. I was successful in this and built and repaired several computers. This eventually expanded to me fixing a few other gadgets such as Headphones and Laptops.

- TY Mini-Business

- For my TY mini-business I decided I would also like to do something regarding technology and built an automatic doorhandle sanitisation system functioning with motion sensors and dispensers. This project was also quite successful, and I won the prize for most innovative TY Mini-Business.

- Work Experience at Google

- I was fortunate enough to have a family friend and neighbour who worked at google and who was generous enough to bring me on work experience with him. During my time at google I learnt much about things such as website building, coding with JavaScript, and I helped deal with customer problems.

- Worked as a Tech Officer at Collins Travel

- Over the summer I was fortunate enough to get a job working in IT with Collins Travel. As part of my responsibilities in this job I would troubleshoot the booking system, helped with email and printing problems. Ensured smooth Wi-Fi connection and maintained an email database.

- Irish Language Residency Scheme (Scéim)

- This year I was fortunate enough to be part of the Irish language Residency Scheme in Trinity Halls. Part of my responsibilities involved the organisation of events to promote Irish in the college. To do this communication was essential. This communication relied on the use of technology. I oversaw my apartment's communication with the other apartments and members through email. This meant I had to gather an extensive list of email contacts of which I had to contact

Other Things About Me:

- I am fluent in Spanish, Irish and English as well as having a high level of French and Catalan.
- I was the head boy of my secondary school which involved having to be in constant communication with all members of the school staff as well as others involved with the school, (through email) meaning I had gathered an extensive list of emails and had to organise communications with them.
- During TY I also completed a Microsoft 365 online course through which I gained skills in Word, PowerPoint, Outlook, and Excell.
- I was a member of my school debs committee – which also involved much communication and the use of emails.

Things I hope to achieve:

- Workshops for coding – throughout the year I hope to host continuous workshops to provide residents with an opportunity to learn the basics of coding, a crucial skillset.
- I would also like to host guest speakers to give talks on important matters such as; the future of technology, how AI will impact the world, career prospects in technological fields, and how to stay safe on the internet.
- I would also like to continue with the idea of a Wi-Fi workshop during the first week. After speaking to many students, I learnt that they often have trouble in learning how to work the printers so as part of the Wi-Fi workshop there will be a step-by-step guide on how to use the printers. The information from these workshops will be sent to the emails of all students.
- The idea of the previous Tech Officer, Peter Dillon, of using more QR codes around halls is one that appeals very much to me and is something that I would like to continue and enhance.
- Organise movie nights in Halls or a scheme under which people can rent a projector to watch movies in groups.
- Continue to update and revamp the Trinity Halls JCR website and continue with gaming nights and competitions in Oldham House.
- Ensure that all JCR members have a seamless and problem-free experience in using their emails
- Information packages – I would provide in both email and physical form all the information new students need. From the Wi-Fi and printers – to links for all of the societies, how to use my.tcd.ie, general information on life in Dublin and more.
- Overall, my aim is to provide a streamlined and efficient technological service to all residents of Trinity Halls and to ensure that upon encountering any issues, residents feel as though they can come to me for help.