

Saturday Exams Motion

CUSU notes:

1. That end-of-year exams in a number of subjects take place on Saturday.
2. Saturday is the Sabbath (Shabbat) for Jews, when work is forbidden.
3. That in the current situation, those Jews who wish to observe Shabbat are accommodated by members of the Cambridge residential Jewish community, and take their exam on the following day.
4. Under the Campaign for Change, CUSU is mandated to protect minority students from discrimination.
5. That students may have exams on a Saturday, even if they usually do not have lectures or supervisions on a Saturday.

CUSU believes:

1. That, when preparing for exams, having a regular patterns or work is an advantage.
2. That being kept *in camera*, in an unfamiliar household, for the day before the exam, places a student a disadvantage.
2. That the current situation therefore discriminates against observant Jews.

CUSU resolves:

1. To approach the University authorities with the aim of rescheduling Saturday exams to weekdays.
2. To do campaign to end the practice of Saturday exams in Cambridge University.