Motion to Remove Exams from the University of Cambridge

CUSU Notes:

1. That exams are hard;
2. That studying for exams causes a lot of stress;
3. That prolonged stress is bad for you;

CUSU Believes:

1. That the welfare and enjoyment of students should be paramount;
2. That Cambridge students all pay enough money and work hard enough to deserve a degree anyway;
3. That life, in general, would be better without exams;

CUSU Resolves:

1. To lobby the University to cancel all of this year’s exams;
2. To mandate the CUSU sabbatical officers to work with University management and all Faculties to restructure all courses without any exams;
3. To produce publicity materials and a petition calling for the end to exams.

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Motions should be sent in a word document to chair@cusu.cam.ac.uk before 17:00 on the Tuesday before CUSU Council meets. If you would like help writing a motion, or to discuss a motion you are writing, please contact engagement@cusu.cam.ac.uk.

Motions can be proposed about anything, as long as they do not contradict the CUSU Constitution or the charitable objectives of the Students’ Union.

Motions containing racist, sexist, homophobic, transphobic, disablist or other bigoted comments will not be accepted.

When the motion is discussed in Council, the proposer will be asked to give a speech of no longer than 3 minutes on why Councillors should vote in favour of the motion – this a chance to expand upon the Notes, Believes and Resolves.

If the motion is opposed, and there is someone wanting to give a second opposing speech, the seconder will also be given the chance to give a speech of no longer than 3 minutes on why Councillors should vote in favour of the motion – this is a chance to further support the proposing speech, and also respond to any comments made in the opposing speech.