Preface

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4. By increasing the profile of JUST as a publication in the Trent and Peterborough communities;
5. By providing opportunities for undergraduate students to engage with and be part of the publishing process from an editorial standpoint.

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