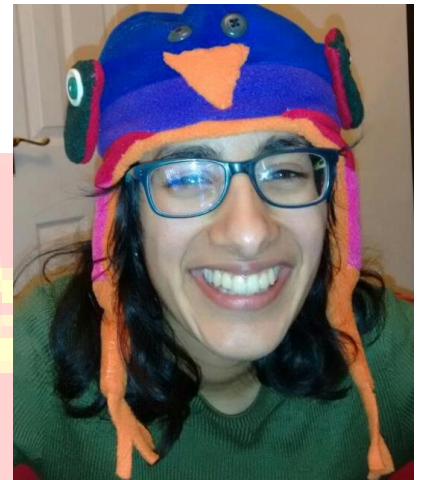


Hi!

I'm Rama, a second year medic. I'd love to be your Access and Equal Opportunities Officer, and I would do a good job because:

I am keen:

I know what a difference Access work can make; without it I would never have considered applying to Cambridge. Our university has so much to offer- excellent pastoral care, a huge range of non-academic activities, and of course wonderful teaching by people who are passionate about their subject. It's so important that these opportunities are made accessible to all bright students, not just a select few.



I have lots of experience:

I have helped out at Peterhouse open days, been on the student-led London access bus and taken part in the shadowing scheme both this year and last. I also ran a medicine residential access event with the King's College access officer. I volunteer at a youth club for teenagers with Asperger syndrome, and have encouraged several of them to explore Higher Education. My experiences have given me a good understanding of the organisational aspects of the role, as well as common misconceptions prospective students have and the things they want to know.

I will:

- Carry on the amazing work done by previous Access Officers in encouraging participation in access-buses, open days and the shadowing scheme.
- Work with other colleges to organise subject specific access events
- Set up an email mentoring scheme for schools in our target areas, utilising the CUSU e-mentoring platform
- Set-up resources and training sessions for people visiting schools in their local area.
- Organise more visits/e-mentoring with younger (i.e. year 11) students-encouraging them to start exploring subjects they enjoy, and making sure they realise the importance of GCSEs and their A level choices in applying for uni courses.

This means a lot to me, and I will listen to your ideas and work super hard to make Peterhouse, Cambridge and Higher Education in general more accessible to all. Thank you for reading and have a lovely day! :)