

Rob Day-Bar and Buttery



Who am I?

I'm Rob, a second year HSPS student, so thought I'd apply for this because it will be the first step on my long road to a life of debauchery in the field of politics. No, in all seriousness I do love food, it takes up about 80% of my life (I'm currently slow cooking some pork as I write this). I believe that food and drink in Peterhouse is very important and as the group of people who eat the most in hall the JCR needs a strong voice to raise questions and problems that members of the JCR feel are important.

Why am I good for the role

I believe I would be good for this role because I would be dedicated in getting views across and committed to making hall and the bar the most enjoyable and tasty places in college. I am also trying to set up Peterhouse's very own bread society, which highlights my devotion to all things food related. I am also fluent in English and did Classics last year so will be able to read the buttery book even if someone writes a multi-lingual complaint.

What I would change

With regards to the buttery I would aim for a more voluptuous salad bar, based upon my two tier salad system, to give students the opportunity to have a substantial salad at mealtimes. I will continue the good work done by this current JCR and maintain meat free Mondays to give vegetarians more of a choice at meal times. Similarly I would continue to campaign for a revolution in the sign out policy of Peterhouse, begun by the current JCR. I would make sure I listen to my electorate and take on board any advice they have for making the buttery a better place, an example of this being that I have heard recently that the nozzles on the salad dressings require adjustment.

The bar is the main area which I would like to transform. It should be a bustling hub of merriment and joy, however this is not the case! I would look at the possibility of changing at least the cask ale and approve the efficiency of restocking so we aren't out of beer at any point. I would campaign to have a soda wand installed in the bar so we could get coke, lemonade, soda water and water on tap instead of paying for bottles, making prices in the bar lower. In a bid to increase usage of the bar I would spend some of the budget on Sky Sports to make the bar a great communal space for sporting occasions. This would not ostracise other members of the college as the bar already has two different screens which would show the sport depending on demand and if there was no demand, the sport would not be on. I remember last year it being said that the bar would be open as a space for work or simply relaxation during the day and I would try to make this a reality as it is such a nice space it may as well be used to it's full potential.

Finally I would make sure I liaised with the ents officer to make sure we worked together as a team to put on the best events in the whole of Cambridge.