

Hi, I'm **Ruben**, a 2nd year currently struggling through the English degree!

I am very invested in the notion of **access** to Cambridge for state educated and under privileged students, and believe strongly that not enough is done for those students who get in against the odds **once we are here**.

I think in Peterhouse we need someone specific and visible, who new and existing students can **talk to** about problems and difficulties they face in coming here from less privileged backgrounds, and to **support them** (acting as a mediator between them and the college, or them and other students).

I have helped out with open days and access at my old sixth form and secondary school, and I think am aware of the multiple pressures that make Oxbridge applications difficult to the average person. I have experience in public speaking and enjoy working with children so am very suited to the role.

I know first hand so many people who are smart and enthusiastic enough to deserve an Oxbridge place but were **put off by the application system and its reputation**, and I would like to change this, from the inside out.

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Policies:

- The role should be seen more like the other **liberation reps**. Thus I would like to emphasise giving support to those students already at Peterhouse as they navigate the entrenched privilege in everyday dealings at the college.
- I would like to be a **friendly face** for less class-privileged students who may need someone to talk to about the myriad of issues and isolating circumstances that come with being at Cambridge. I would therefore like to run **weekly or fortnightly hours** where state school educated students can come and express their grievances with or general feelings about life at Cambridge.
- As well as these I would like to have some social events in the year which mediate a **wider discussion** of class and educational privilege in the college, perhaps through film screenings or speakers.
- I would campaign for the role, consistently with other liberation reps, to **be voted for only by state educated students** in the future, as it is these students the role predominantly represents.
- I would **continue Sam's wonderful efforts in outreach**, taking as active a role as possible myself - telling prospective students Peterhouse is an inclusive space where less privileged students will be welcomed and supported, working with the CUSU and other Peterhouse access campaigns run by the student liaison officers. The other changes will help to make this more of a reality.
- I'll take anyone who wants to come and escape Cambridge for a few hours on **good nights out** in London so we don't have to deal with awful Cambridge clubs