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for Disabilities and Illnesses Officer

Hi! I'm an odd first-year/second-year hybrid HSPS student (I changed course after a year of English). I am active member of the college and am particularly passionate about welfare. One reason for this is that I have several chronic conditions, physical and mental, which have been particularly prominent in the last year and a half.

Why me?

- I'm highly **motivated** to help **improve wellbeing** and **health** provisions for everyone at Peterhouse
- I have personally had a lot of **experience** with the college's and university's support systems and would like to help however I can
- I want to ensure the college is as **inclusive** and **accessible** as possible, so that everyone gets the support they need
- I would love to help **bring people together**. No one should have to feel alone because of their disability, condition or illness
- I want to be as **friendly** and **approachable** as I can, to be there when anyone needs someone to talk to
- I care deeply about **listening** to others' experiences, especially those that are different to my own
- I attend the **Disabled Students Campaign's** forums and events as often as I can; I would love to help connect Peterhouse with **wider work** and **campaigns**



I will

- provide as much **emotional support** and **advocacy** as I can
- work to **build on Andrew's great work** this year, such as the D&I group chat (<3)
- work with the other JCR officers to **raise awareness** regarding issues of disability and illness, particularly for freshers. This could include
 - workshops in Fresher's Week, discussing the wide variety of conditions and experiences that 'disability' covers
 - providing and updating a JCR document on Disability and Illness provisions, in Peterhouse and in the wider university
 - holding a drop-in round-table discussion about Disabilities and Illnesses for anyone interested
- **work with other officers**, such as the BME, LGBT+, women's, access and international officers, to host **intersectional welfare events**
- try to hold a **wider variety** of welfare events, including inter-collegiate events, film nights and more
- carry out **regular anonymous surveys** to hear people's experiences, problems and ideas for improving college provisions
- push the college on **current issues** such as **step-free access**, **poor kitchen facilities** for those unable to eat in hall, and **the no frying-pan policy**