

# Andrew Walker for Vice President!

## About Me/how I'm suited to the role

- I'm a **second-year historian**, so between my work schedule being flexible and not having many other commitments I'll be able to dedicate myself fully to the role.

- I was on the previous JCR committee as the **college's first Disabilities and Illnesses officer**, and I greatly enjoyed helping people and serving the community on the JCR. I like to think I have demonstrated my competence too by building up the role pretty much from scratch, having to define it and write a handover document for it, having to learn on the job, communicate with the student body to increase awareness of it and other support available, and lobbying college. It is pleasing to see that college is taking D&I concerns seriously and moving forward on things like a ramp for WSB, even if sadly being obstinate on other issues like frying pans. It is also pleasing to see that people now value the role enough to want to stand for it – something which wasn't taken for granted at the open meeting when the role was proposed.



- **I enjoy student politics!** I've found attending and actively participating in committee meetings, open meetings and DSC forums to be really interesting, even when the issues seem obtusely bureaucratic on the agenda, they tend to be more interesting when talked about. So, I can be relied upon to be at CUSU forum, I'll be paying attention because I enjoy it, and my experience participating in these other situations shows my willingness to speak up when something needs saying.

## How I will Fulfil the VP's Brief:

### 1. Support the President and be generally assist the JCR's functions.

- Experience on the previous JCR committee and meetings with college gave me procedural experience and knowledge of ongoing issues and what should and shouldn't be going on in college. I can help bring some **continuity and experience** to the new JCR to help it hit the ground running and make sure ongoing issues which the JCR has been trying to deal with like frying pans and the laundry **don't get forgotten about in the transition.**
- Experience of committee meetings, open meetings, meetings with college administration, sending out circulars will equip me to cover for the president if the need ever arises.
- I'm always **happy to chip in** beyond my defined role where other committee members need support/manpower, as I did as D&I officer for things like setting up BOPs and assisting in consent workshops – for which I went to receive training for specially.
- I will read up on the constitution so that the new committee has someone the president and other committee members can consult about it. Learning on the job is something I've shown I'm happy to do as D&I officer.

### 2. Support the Liberations officers

- Constitutionally the VP assists and has oversight over the liberations officers, so having experience and training in how being a lib rep works, the challenges and duties required etc. will suit me well for this.
- Help to **promote intersectionality** by offering to take on a kind of chairperson/spokesperson role for lib reps collectively when they want to coordinate on organising something. In my experience this has sometimes been difficult, especially initially when new lib reps are justifiably focused on orientating themselves to their own roles.

### 3. Externals/CUSU council

- I can be relied upon to attend CUSU forum and act as an effective representative, researching the issues in advance to informedly discuss and vote on them.
- Where an issue is interesting/controversial/will have a big effect on students **I will consult undergraduate body in advance and publicise outcomes.** On other issues, to minimize spam I will act according to my judgement and in consultation with the president and JCR committee, to which I will always report back, and anyone interested will be able to find other outcomes on the minutes.
- Happy to be quizzed in hustings on my views on any specific issues!