

FRESHERS' REP MANIFESTO

Hi, I'm Rachel, a first year studying English and therefore obviously have the necessary time, as well as enthusiasm, to commit to being freshers' rep.

I promise to:

- Organise more optional, fun **daytime activities** until lectures start.
- Focus the week on introducing freshers to everything that's especially great about **Cambridge and Peterhouse** e.g. include punting, a trip to Kings' evensong, a daytime sightseeing tour/trip to Fitzwilliam museum, going to Cambridge footlights.
- Actively involve as many **second years** (and older years if they're interested!) in planning, carrying out and enjoying events, to make the best use of everyone's skills and encourage the years to mix, make friends, and spend time together outside of the timetable.
- Plan evening activities so that **'staying in' and 'going out' options always overlap**. I'm very keen to see that the year doesn't divide up and everyone gets to hang out with everyone else.
- Make sure support points are **always** there e.g. organise a specified time for leaving for the societies' fair, for people who haven't found a group to go with yet.
- Give a **doorstop** to every fresher! So many people didn't bring them, and they're really useful!
- Organise a night where people go out for **dinner with their houses**, to encourage inter-accommodation bonding.

I'd be good at it because:

- I genuinely **love organising** things. Last term I was co-producer for our freshers' play, which was very successful, partly thanks to all things you didn't notice because they didn't go wrong. I also edited my school newspaper, which involved a lot of organising, and meeting strict deadlines.
- **I have already been a freshers' rep!** I was elected Year Leader for our Year 7s in our last year of school, which involved organising events, hearing their views and helping them settle into the school.
- I'm **friendly** and approachable (I like to think so anyway!) I enjoy meeting new people and really enjoyed my experience of freshers' week, and will be enthusiastically spending time with the first years whether you elect me or not...
- I'll take **lots of advice** from my year and from older years to work on anything else people think could be improved from last year.
- I'll work with a **vice-freshers' rep** to share ideas, make sure the week's as well-organised as possible, and to have a freshers' rep at all the events because, talented as I am, even I can't be in two places at once