

Emily Freeman for Disabled Students' Officer

Hi, I'm Emily a second-year English student here at Christ's. I come from a small village in north Nottinghamshire in the East Midlands. I love reading (obviously), writing poetry, baking and getting involved in debates/politics. I am also very passionate about making sure disabled students are feel considered and assured at this college.

I identify as being disabled. I am not ashamed to say I suffer from two chronic mental health conditions, chronic eczema, asthma and severe allergies, and that I am currently undergoing an adult autism assessment (fingers crossed for me please!)



Why me?

I can relate to many students when it comes to various mental and physical problems, and feel like I can represent disabled students in the college community

I have experience when it comes to accessing support

I consider myself to be open-minded of students' definitions and needs when it comes to disability, and how other identities affect this – lgbtq+, Class Act etc.

I am the education and activism officer for Cambridge University Menstrual Health Society, and much of this role involves speaking with disabled and chronically ill students

Ideas

I would like to ensure that all students are aware of the support they can get, and have the confidence to reach out for this

I would like to survey students to find out what support they need at Christ's, and understand how the College can better support disabled students

I would like to set up a disabled students' community – i.e. a group on social media, termly support sessions and college swaps/interactions (Welfare, FemSoc, LGBTQA+, Class Act etc.)

I would like to work with other college's disability officers and the university Disability Resource Centre (DRC) to make sure that Christ's is providing the most it can for its disabled students



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