



JCR ACCESS OFFICER

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Hello! I'm Yii-Ling, a second-year MML student. I have been a keen CRep (Christ's Representative) since first year, helping out at college open days, most recently marshalling in the October open day, co-ordinating the tours, and assisting at other outreach events both virtual and in-person. I will be taking part in the upcoming Shadowing Scheme too! I have also helped out on a faculty level with MML events for secondary school students. Working with Zero Gravity, an organisation that helps state school students access top universities, as a scholar and ambassador, formerly a mentee, I help prepare students with their applications and expand the Zero Gravity community.

As a participant of Christ's LPN Summer School back in Year 11, I've had experience receiving access support and know the difference it makes - I am keen to widen access and participation to Christ's and Cambridge more generally. I want to make more people realise that Cambridge is a possibility: bringing new ideas whilst maintaining the old to do this, and bringing lots of enthusiasm to the role as well :)

KEY POINTS OF ACTION:

- **Shadowing Scheme** - Making sure this runs smoothly as a rewarding scheme for all, especially in its first in-person run since the pandemic.
- **Focus on BAME access** - Working closely with the Ethnic Diversity Officer on developing outreach events aimed for BAME students, on a college and potentially inter-college level.
- **DSO Access Tours** - Collaborating with the Disabled Students' Officer, working on making this a part of CRep training so that we can do disabled access tours on Open Days.
- **Oxbridge Access** - Working with the access officer of our sister college, Wadham, to promote Oxbridge access.
- **LPN Networking** - Introduce a buddy/mentoring system between the incoming/current LPN students and those from the previous cohort so that they have a point of contact at Cambridge for any questions.
- **Feedback** - Send out a Google form on a half-termly basis for any questions/suggestions/comments students or staff have about access, and following this up to raise with the relevant people, bringing some suggestions to the SU Access Forum.
- **CRep Community** - Continuing to learn from Romany's wisdom over her two years as Access Officer! Maintaining the support of the CRep Community and rewarding their work in the form of socials/reimbursements/Upper Hall vouchers.

I will continue to work on the customary aspects of the JCR access officer role, organising and helping at Outreach events, providing guidance to applicants and offer-holders and answering any questions they may have with regards to access and referring them to the relevant people. I am eager to work with the Ethnic Diversity, DSO, Class Act, Women's and International officers so that every aspect of access is covered and to make access available both for prospective and current students.

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