

Tom Nicholas for JCR President

1st Year Physicist

My experience over the last seven months has taught me many things; not only can I now do my own washing, I can even concoct such gastronomic delights as pasta and pesto. However, I did not expect that over what is a relatively short space of time, I would become so enthused about the JCR and life at Catz, hence my desire to contribute to the running of the college.

I believe that Catz is uniquely placed to become a flagship college for access to the university and to help dispel Oxford stereotypes. I am committed to furthering the reputation of Catz as Oxford's most welcoming college. Having come through a state education myself, I recognise the importance of reaching out to those who might otherwise not consider an Oxbridge application.

Having been a member of the Youth Parish Council in my local area for a number of years, I have considerable experience working on a committee. This involved meetings with local residents, liaising with councillors and organising a variety of events. I therefore have an appreciation of what the role of president will entail, and will be well-prepared to act as a mediator between the JCR and College authorities.

Policies:

- **Enhancing the Alternative Prospectus with online videos** would present Catz in a more accessible light. This will provide another outlook on college life, one that will quickly dislodge common misconceptions. Streamlining and cutting the cost of the physical prospectus would enable it to be distributed to a much wider audience.
- **Promoting the use of the JCR** by organising more evening events, for instance the screening of; recently released films, large sporting events and suggestions by the newly formed documentary society.
- **Purchasing sofas and other decorations for the JCR** would help to make it more comfortable, and encourage more students to come and use it.
- **Holding a symposium to discuss the room balloting system** would allow people to air their ideas and grievances in a constructive environment, and would help to assess whether there is any room for improvement.
- **Providing a cash machine in college** for convenience, to avoid taking credit cards out clubbing.
- **Organising more daytime activities during Fresher's Week** would facilitate the integration of freshers who aren't quite so keen on the evening events.
- **Setting up an online college family tree** to help keep track of numerous relatives.

