

Alexander Langedijk for president!!



Why I want to be your president:

I think the greatest asset to Catz is the vibrant, open community, along with what has been coined 'The spirit of Catz'. I want to preserve this atmosphere and lead a committee which cares about making lives better for students: providing support to those who need it and maintaining the social atmosphere through events and societies.

Why you should vote for me:

A vote for me is a vote for an experienced candidate. I am the former president of a college of 3600 students and as such have experience chairing a team focused on student support, welfare and events – including a freshers week. I was also a member of the governing body, as well as the 'finance and strategy' and 'performance and quality' committees of the college, so I have a background of fighting for student priorities in a forum which can overlook their needs. My public speaking skills have developed as a result of performing speeches to many hundreds of people at a time, in very different environments, for example large open days. I thoroughly enjoyed my time as president and am confident this is the best possible preparation I could have had for the role. While at Catz I have been very engaged in the community, not only through regularly attending open meetings, but also by participating in college sport, events and debates, (for example, OXIT).

What I will do:

- Call for tutors to be better equipped to deal with students asking for study support and mental health. Structural changes to welfare referrals, and diverting this responsibility away from tutors. I would look forward to coordinating with Jack Hampton to give mental health the attention it deserves, in line with his OUSU campaign.
- Strike a balance with college and students for an inclusive and fun freshers week, catering for those who choose to drink and those who do not. Given the current college climate and suggestions raised by the governing board, I think that monitoring (not overly restricting) alcohol consumption, for example by encouraging events in the JCR alongside the entz reps, is the best way to do this.
- Revive the suggestions section of JCR website so that it is a practical way for members of the JCR to get their voices heard outside of open meetings.



I hope you can tell which one I am..