

# ACCESS SPEAKS LOUDER THAN WORDS

Hi! I'm Kaveeta, a first year medic, and I would be honoured to represent the JCR as Access and Equality Rep. These are both issues very close to my heart and I truly believe I have the necessary skills and insight to rise to the challenge. Everyone deserves to feel as though they belong at Merton, irrespective of their background, and it's my goal to ensure that happens.

## Why access?

- I never considered applying to Oxford until I attended a widening participation Outreach Program (which I only attended as they promised me free food). I would love to coordinate more events such as this and help others in the same way (by luring them with free food)
- I know from personal experience how difficult it can be to adapt to this environment. Fresher's week is a really important part of the transition process and I'd like to help organise it and make it welcoming for everyone

## My ideas:

- Organise an access and equality subcommittee talk in fresher's week which should be compulsory to attend, promoting its importance to all members of the JCR. (advancing equality and awareness is detailed in the standing orders as a key role of the access officer)
- Access goes beyond admissions - Imposter syndrome can take a really long time to go away. Organising events/ drop-ins throughout the year to provide a safe talking and listening space would go a long way in helping people feel like they're not alone.
- Continue the wonderful access work currently going on by keeping Merton visible on social media to encourage applications

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## Why me?

- I have experience working with the Uni Undergraduate Admissions and Outreach department as part of the Inspirational State School Teachers award. This has involved filming videos, giving radio interviews and writing a piece for the Oxford Student to raise awareness of the importance of encouraging applications from students of all backgrounds
- Helping out with interviews (and open days to come) allowed me to interact with many candidates and gave me first hand experience addressing their concerns about admissions and diversity
- I have attended the OxSU BME leadership conference and presented motions at the BMA medical schools conference. Events such as these have really opened my eyes to the wide range of challenges affecting different people and how we might best go about tackling them

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