

Vice President's Manifesto

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Hi, everyone. Even though this is just my first term at Cambridge, I can say that I have already fallen in love with my experience here at Downing College! I remember once bringing my friends from a different college to Downing to show them around, and I kept thinking what an amazing college I get to live in. And this is my simple reason for pursuing the role of vice president – I want to make sure everyone has an outstanding experience during their time here.



I have already met many of you and have shared some good thoughts and conversations on how to improve the college experience for students. This ranges from better facilities in the MCR room and more efficient management of amenities and the bar, to offering cheaper and more affordable accommodation for students. One of the main things I wish to concentrate on as part of my role as vice-president is to actively engage with all members of the college, so as to bring to light all small and large issues that affect the daily student life. In simple terms, I wish to make everyone feel more at home, and to increase your sense of belonging to a brilliant community that is Downing.

In order to achieve this, I have already met some of the new committee members and am confident that we can not only keep up the good work from last year but can keep improving next year to accomplish more changes at our college. To top it off, it will be an excellent opportunity learning from previous committee members (in particular our brilliant vice-president Tom Chudley) who have gained a lot of experience for their roles from last year, and I hope to support the new committee in their inspiring effort to make Downing a better college.

Relevant experience:

- Schools manager for robotics society: organising workshops to teach young individuals how to program LEGO Mindstorm robots (2015-2017)
- PASS leader: leading and organising study groups and tutorial sessions for final year undergraduate students (2016-2017)
- STEM Ambassador: organising science fairs and STEM events at the Manchester Museum of Science and Industry (2014-2017)

Supporters:

- Proposer: Robert Kunzmann
- Secunder: Parsa Akbari