

# Ben Young

Standing for: MCR Treasurer

## About Me

Hey I'm Ben! I'm a second year PhD student in the maths department and also the current MCR treasurer. There are 3 main reasons why I am re-running for the role of treasurer. Firstly I want to keep contributing to the running of the MCR, be it budgeting and paying invoices, working the bar, running the quiz or helping to organise fresher's week and the summer ball, I want to make sure everyone enjoys their time in Downing as much as I have! Secondly I want the new committee to get off to the best start possible by providing the knowledge and experience that I have gained from my previous term as treasurer. Thirdly and perhaps most importantly, I want to make sure we maintain budgetary independence. Over the past year, the college have been advocating to gain more control over the way the MCR runs: changing our bar prices; limiting the type of events we can run and more recently, aiming to have a tighter control of the MCR budget. If I am re-elected I will work to make sure that we are able to spend our budget in a way that satisfies both the college and the students of the MCR.



In my current term as treasurer I have: successfully petitioned the college to increase our budget by £500 P.A.; helped organise and run fresher's week; worked on the MCR summer ball committee (ticketing); worked the bar; ensured we ran to budget for the year and have sat on finance and college general committees.

## My Priorities

- Set a budget that allows people to make the most of MCR facilities and events.
- Fight to make sure the MCR finances maintain their independence so that we can choose how we spend our budget.
- Ensure we have the money to run as many MCR events as possible!
- Represent YOU in college finance meetings to make sure your money is spent in the right places.
- Support the rest of the committee with bar shifts and organising events

## Relevant Experience

- 2018 MCR Treasurer
- CU data science society (Operations)
- GKB lab (research group) lunchtime seminar committee
- Trained MCR and JCR bar worker

As a bonus I also own my own calculator!

**Nominated by:** Jake Longhorn

**Seconded by:** Niamh Regan