

# ACCESS OFFICERS

Meg Gibson and Eli Hayes

## Why us?

We both have a lot of access work experience and are keen to get more involved and see more change!

- Both of us attended **state comprehensive schools** for GCSE and A-Level, where progression to Oxbridge was uncommon
- Taken part in the **CUSU Shadowing Scheme** for two years
- Taken part in **Downing College open day**, giving tours to prospective students
- In the process of becoming **CAMBassadors**
- Meg is an Insight Peterborough Mentor
- Eli frequently gives school tours around college and works for a charity aimed at widening participation in higher education among students of disadvantaged backgrounds
- Both of us have relied upon **college and university funds** for living expenses and are familiar with the process involved

## What's our plan?

We want to continue the hard work of Fergus and Sophie, supplementing their efforts with events, social media drives, and more transparency

- With our knowledge of the **Hardship Funds** available in college and the university, we would like to continue Fergus' efforts to create **transparent guidelines** explaining how to claim for living expenses and best make use of the available resources
- We want to centre **Discover Downing** as a resource for prospective students by encouraging current students' contributions
- We will organise an **Informal Formal** dinner within college for current students, particularly Freshers, in an effort to dispel misconceptions and create a more welcoming environment
- We want to make ourselves **more visible and available to Freshers** in order to ease the transition into the Cambridge environment
- Work with **CUSU Class Act**, holding events in the bar to encourage a friendly support network

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FUND AVAILABILITY

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INFORMAL FORMAL

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CUSU CLASS ACT

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