We would love to be your BME Officers! Having taken an active role in Downing life (Freps, Pink Week Rep and DDS Treasurer) we have ample experience working with College administration.

We want to make everyone feel welcome and appreciated in college – our focus is on celebrating the diversity of cultures that Downing has to offer.

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CELEBRATING CULTURE

• **BME Open Mic Night**: A space to perform for BME students celebrating cultural art forms such as sitar playing, spoken word and singing in other languages.
• **Cultural Keith’s**: A termly Keith’s Café featuring cultural food and drink alongside the classic coffee and doughnuts.
• **Formals celebrating religious and cultural festivals**: Following the success of Diwali Formal, we would extend this to include festivals like Eid and Chinese New Year.
• **Liaise with university cultural societies**: Host and promote their events on the BME and JCR pages ensuring they are known among Downing students.

MAKING DOWNING MORE INCLUSIVE

• **BAMEsoc**: Continue discussion and introduce speakers to stimulate conversation about underdiscussed and misunderstood topics like cultural appropriation and race-blindness.
• **Freshers’ week**: Encourage a BME presence on the Frep team, continue BME mentoring scheme, and ensure the workshop takes into account all axes of diversity, including race, gender, class and religion.
• Be available and approachable to support those who don’t feel comfortable reporting racial incidents to college.
• Work with college to run **BME access schemes** for sixth-form students.