Hi! We’re Savanna (she/her) and Lati (she/her). We’re both 2nd year HSPS students, and we’d love to be your new BME officers!

We care deeply about improving the experiences of all BME students at Downing, so we have placed intersectionality at the core of all of our policies.

Welfare
Facilitate weekly drop-ins for BME students to voice their concerns and make requests in a confidential space.

Develop the BME buddy scheme by organising a meet-and-greet during fresher’s week, and hosting termly catch-ups, to make Downing even more welcoming.

Liaise with the freshers’ officers to create an info pack on the different support systems and networks across the uni that BME students will benefit from using.

Access
Organise a BME access conference (involving a college tour, Q&A session, and personal statement workshop), targeting those from underrepresented class backgrounds and regions.

Facilitate a mentoring scheme that matches current students to prospective students from their hometowns/areas.

Events
Work with BME officers on other JCR committees, as well as the BME campaign and cultural societies, to organise inter-collegiate events (formal swaps, bar crawls, film/games nights).

Liaise with the Islamic society and college to arrange catering for iftar in the hall during the month of Ramadan.

Continue to organise cultural formals with the international officers.

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Our experience
Savanna
Cambassador
Downing bar ents rep
Board member for Curve theatre, responsible for improving BAME participation in one of the leading UK theatre companies

Lati
Blake society president
DDS new writing officer
CUSU womcam BME rep
Fly co-facilitator, working closely with the BME campaign.

We would like to make use of our good rapport with college staff to introduce racism and bias workshops, develop a BME alumni/careers network, and investigate Downing’s ties to the legacies of slavery and colonialism.