Hi!

I’m Samantha Creswick, and I want to be your Disabilities Officer.

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The role of disabilities officer is a really important one, particularly to some of the most vulnerable members of our college community.

If you vote for me I pledge to:

- Build on April’s work in campaigning for better disabled access in spaces around college, particularly the JCR.

- Continue the great progress being made between Downing and CUSU’s Disabled Students Campaign (DSC), and ensure that Downing is completely dedicated to making strides alongside the DSC in support of its Disabled community.

- Serve as a point of contact for students on an individual basis, and liaise with college on a case-by-case basis.

- Raise better awareness of invisible illnesses and disabilities, and help to promote more reasonable academic and pastoral expectations in these cases.

- Establish an ‘admin clinic’ of sorts, in order to help demystify the Resource Centre and the support it offers, as well as to reduce the anxieties and pressures of accommodating one’s needs.

- Encourage college to be more specific and explicit about the support it is able to offer its disabled students, without advice having to be painstakingly sought out.

- Create a more welcoming and open atmosphere for Downing’s disabled community. This would include the promotion of events aimed at the community, as well as encouraging more open communication about the everyday realities and expectations of living with a disability.