Hi, we are Adama (HSPS) and Fazal (Medicine). We are both second year students at Downing!

WHY US?

Being part of the BME community, we both recognise that navigating your way through Cambridge as a student from a minority ethnic background can come with many anxieties and challenges.

- We vouch to do everything in our power to create a more inclusive, comfortable and most importantly, safe environment for all BME students to prosper in.
- We are also extremely passionate about ensuring that BME students are treated fairly and hope to become the voice of those students that feel uncomfortable when it comes to addressing incidents of racial injustice or discrimination.

OUR AIMS

- One of our main priorities is to maintain the well-being of BME students. We aim to create more safe spaces for people of minority ethnic backgrounds to congregate and share their experiences. We hope to get staff allocated to this specifically.
- To establish more formal ways to report issues (expanding the racial forum)
- To create more solidarity between the different groups of the BME community.
- To take the burden of reformation off of BME students, we hope to urge the college to allocate more external support to address these issues.
- We will urge the college to offer more opportunities for students and staff to be educated on racism and discrimination (unconscious bias training) (more visible information around college).
- Do more to address the attainment gap of BME students, by ensuring there is more academic support available.
- Celebrating academic excellence within the BME community - more representation.
- Cultural formals (iftar in Ramadan, Diwali etc) can liaise with uni wide societies for this, as well as international officers.
- Hold talks on cultural history (wide scope for topics such as Colonialism to specific cultural moments in time).
- We also, intend to continue to develop legacies of prior BME officers, such as, continuing the buddy scheme.
- Provide more opportunities for financial support for BME students from low socio-economic backgrounds.

EXPERIENCE

Adama
- Mentored prospective BME students in the past (Zero gravity)
- Active member of the Afro-Caribbean society
- Co-founder of "Noire Space", a social media initiative for women of colour

Fazal
- Module rep for medicine
- Secretary of Whitby Society
- Has volunteered to educate about islamophobia.
- Mentor of ‘Project access’ and ‘The medicine program’

Feel free to email any questions or concerns @as3021 or fems4