

APRIYA MILLAN

JCR VICE PRESIDENT MANIFESTO

JCR ENTS OFFICER ▪ 2ND YEAR MEDICINE

Hi there everyone! I'm Apriya, a second year medic and this election I'm running for Vice President. I would really appreciate it if you could have a look at my manifesto, and if you like the look of it, I hope that I have your vote!

WHY VOTE FOR ME?

- I am an extremely driven individual who will deliver on my promises if elected.
- Even in a short time on the JCR, I have already delivered on points such as more non-drinking activities.
- I am very organised and experienced at multitasking, which would make juggling multiple commitments as smooth as possible.
- I am passionate about Fitz and will fight for positive change!!

EXPERIENCE

ENTS OFFICER ON THE JCR

- This role has given me invaluable experience in being on the JCR, as well as the procedures and channels to use when planning events or organising logistics.
- In this role I have also held a leadership position on the Fitz Winter Wonderland Committee 2019.

HEAD GIRL AT SCHOOL

- In this position I was in charge of creating and overseeing mentorship and welfare programmes, as well leading the student council and organising all the school's major events.
- This gave me the relevant leadership experience and allowed me to develop my organisational and communicative skills needed for this role, as well as practice in leading and working in a team.

HELD A SEAT ON MY LOCAL YOUTH COUNCIL

- This role gave me experience at relaying information to those higher up the chain of command, similar to how the JCR answers to the JMA .
- I also have vast experience in listening to those I represent and acting on their concerns.

PART OF THE RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT WORKING GROUP (THIS TERM)

- This student committee has been pushing for the college to ensure all our investments are responsible and bear ESG in mind, as well as working to reduce investments in arms and fossil fuels.

SPONSORSHIP OFFICER FOR CAMBRIDGE WOMEN IN SCIENCE SOCIETY

- This has given me experience in fostering good relationships with potential sponsors and donors, as well as carrying out administrative duties.

PROPOSALS

ACCOMODATION

1. HOUSING BALLOT

- Look into making a more visual plan of the corridors available for all, where the status of the rooms (taken/available) can be updated as housing choices are made.
- Update photos and collate videos of all houses in order to make choices about houses more informed.
- Draw the ballot earlier and chase up people higher up the ballot to ensure the shadow ballot is more reflective of the real day.
- I also understand that the weekend of the housing ballot is stressful for some, so I will organise an open forum the weeks before where friendship groups and individuals can discuss and liase with each other prior to the weekend itself.
- I will also carry on hosting drop in sessions for the housing ballot, for freshers especially, with a freshers information session.
- For screenings of the houses to be more accessible, it would be worth having a document where residents for each house could make it known when people can come round to view it.

2. SCHOLARS' BALLOT

- I will continue on the JCRs work of making the results of the referendum come to fruition and abolish the scholars' ballot.

WELFARE

1. SUBJECT SPECIFIC TUTOR TRAINING

- I believe that tutors should be better aware of the struggles, needs and requirements of each subject in order to provide more specific support which could be implemented as the new tutor training programmes are phased in.

2. BUDGET

- Increase the proportion of the overall JCR budget dedicated to welfare by increasing reliance of the Ents only budget (when possible).

COLLEGE FAMILIES

1. COLLEGE FAMILY HANDBOOK

- Make a handbook for college families including important dates, ideas for family formal costumes, conversation starters and general tips for freshers.

2. COLLEGE FAMILY EVENTS

- Create more college family events to carry on through to lent term.
- Include events such as family drinks, family games night, family buttery in the first week.
- FAMILY SPORTS DAY!!
 - look into having a family sports day in Summer Term on the grove where families compete against each other.

ETHICAL AFFAIRS

1. DIVESTMENT

- I will support divestment with a strong aim to stop investment in controversial arms, nuclear weapons and civilian firearms.
- Carry on work to keep trying to ensure that JP Morgan is being transparent.
- Push for more student reps on the advisory committee.

2. ENVIRONMENT

Help the new Green Officer:

- Expand compost scheme to outer houses.
- Get more recycling bins around college, especially in the library and working spaces.

3. CHARITY

- Increase collaboration with welfare and ents to look into making events where money can be put towards charity.
- Look into having a set charity that any money made throughout the year can go towards.

ENTS

1. BOPS

- Start using alternative venues for bops such as the reddaway room or upper halls.
- Have student-run bars with cheaper drink options.

2. WINTER BALL

- Ensure there is one member of the JCR who can effectively communicate the wishes of the JCR and student body to the Winter Ball Committee.

3. FRESHER REPS

- Implement a FREPS committee that will take on most of the responsibility for the organisation and stewarding of Fresher's Week Events.
- This is with the aims of:
 - Taking pressure off the Ents Exec, Officers and JCR to cover events between them and coordinate all of the logistics.
 - Ensuring that the incoming freshers see and get used to the same faces so it is less daunting when they first arrive at Fitz.
- The committee could be chosen at the end of summer by various means, such as a by-election.