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FOR I.R.O.



ABOUT ME:

Hello, I'm Niall, and I'm a first-year English student. I've really enjoyed my first year at Merton, and have become involved in many parts of college life. I have helped out on numerous Access days, and have applied to take part in the telephone campaign in September. Having co-run my school Debating Union, including an involvement in "Student Voice" campaigns, I have experience of chairing debates and have organised student elections in the past. I am a Merton rep on the English faculty Joint Consultative Committee, and was responsible for distributing an annual feedback questionnaire to Merton English undergraduates. In Michaelmas, I wrote and directed a Merton JCR entry for Drama Cuppers. I regularly attend JCR meetings, and have never missed a bar quiz; I am also approachable and highly organised. Now I really want to give something back to the college community, and think I would be perfect for the IRO Position with my nerdy interest in student democracy, my enjoyment of writing, and my taste for gossip and stirring.

POLICIES:

ELECTIONS & HUSTINGS

With my experience of student democracy, I will be able to make elections and hustings fair and inclusive. I will ensure students are well-informed about all elections and actively encourage participation in hustings.

FRESHERS' GUIDE

I will carefully make any necessary updates, improvements or corrections to the Freshers' Guide, in order to make arriving at Merton as stress-free as possible.

YEARBOOK

For students at the other end of their time at Merton, I will make sure the leavers' yearbook and hoodies stand as a worthwhile recognition and reminder of their years here.

EXEC

I will be an energetic and committed executive member, willing to help out in all JCR affairs and events.

MERTON NEWS

I am committed to sniffing out more actual news (or, at least, scandalous rumours) to put in the *Merton News*. I will turn out an amusing and grammatically-correct newsheet each week, and will experiment with new features.

BAR QUIZ

I want to preserve the proud tradition of challenging and competitive—but also entertaining and light-hearted—fortnightly quizzes. I will maintain a high level of useless trivia.

J.C.R.

I will be enthusiastic towards all ideas for how the JCR could be improved—and offer to continue the JCR meeting blog, to help everyone feel involved in the running of our JCR.

NOTICE-BOARDS

I will keep the JCR notice-boards looking smart, and ensure the content is up-to-date and informative.