

James Nation for JCR President

Who Am I?

Hello everyone, my name is James Nation and I'm currently a first year historian who is loving life here at Merton. I've thought long and hard over recent weeks about whether I should stand for JCR President and I believe that I've got the commitment, the experience and most of all the passion to do a really good job.



Experience

SCHOOL: From my days at school I am used to successfully combining my academic work with a position of leadership and responsibility. As Head Boy, I frequently discussed matters of importance with higher authorities, experience which will prove invaluable as JCR President. I was extremely proactive in negotiating for a change of school uniform, overseeing the arrangement of the leavers' ball and improving the school's relations with the local community. I would therefore relish the opportunity to apply my proven experience of enthusiastic leadership and effective organisation in my role as JCR President.

MERTON: Here at Merton I have been actively involved in both college and university life. I have thoroughly enjoyed being a presenter on Oxide Radio as well as participating in the college choir. As your OUSU Rep, I have been responsible for expressing the views of the JCR at a higher level. This is a role which has provided me with valuable experience both as a member of the JCR Committee and as a regular at OUSU Council. Furthermore, I found helping at interviews really useful since it enabled me to engage and communicate with some of the prospective freshers.

SKILLS AND ATTRIBUTES: approachable, positive outlook, a fun personality, leadership experience, ability to delegate, not afraid of criticism, trustworthy, communication skills.

The way forward...

My vision is simple: a proud Merton community. I believe this can be achieved by managing an Exec that is dynamic and approachable. As your President, I would continue the fantastic work of this year's team and also develop a closer relationship with JCR members. For example, if feasible, I will introduce 'Exec Drinks' to increase the time which JCR members spend with the Exec outside of meetings. **My aim is to instil a proud ethos by encouraging all members of the JCR to get involved and I believe that my enthusiasm and tireless energy make me well suited for the challenge.**