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Hello! I'm Katie, a third-year geography student at Sidney Sussex and I would love to have the privilege of representing your AEP needs at the SU. I went to one of "England's worst schools" (The Mirror, 2016) and am a **first-generation, state comprehensive and bursary-receiving student**, and have spent a significant portion of my time here trying to make Cambridge more accessible and equitable to every student.

MY PROMISES TO YOU

SU PANTRY FOR STUDENTS



- Adequate nutrition is essential for well-being, but students are increasingly going hungry. **We should not have to compromise on health to study at Cambridge.**
- I would **expand the food bank scheme** I created at Sidney to be university-wide, so that no student has to worry about where their next meal is coming from.

ACTIONS, NOT JUST WORDS

AS SIDNEY JCR ACCESS OFFICER I...

- Created the 'Sidney Financial Guide' to **help freshers to develop financial literacy**
- **Reformed the Hardship fund** so students can **access help with more dignity**
- Created the **Class Act fund** in collaboration with our Class Act officer
- Created the **first college food bank 'help hub'**, offering **free groceries** to all 350 Sidney undergraduates
- **Oversaw the implementation** of the first **Sidney Prep Week** in 2022



AS UNION ACCESS OFFICER I...

- Created the **foundation year membership** in collaboration with the university Foundation year team to **diversify voices**
- Created a **new set of teaching resources** for school visits
- Carried out the **Stephen Fry scholarship programmes**

STANDARDISED PREP WEEK



- I will **standardise Prep and Bridging Weeks** at the start of the Michaelmas term for freshers at all colleges to **ensure everyone has the same head start.**
- These will be **fully funded** to ensure that the extra week **does not cause undue financial strain** on the students who would benefit from it most.

REDUCING JCR WORKLOAD



- I will **reduce the number of access forums per term** and instead do **one-on-one meetings** with officers focused on where I can **help them with their projects.**
- I will also create **resource packs** for JCR officers with financial guides, alternative prospectuses and other templates so they can **focus more on people than paperwork.**

COLLATE A DATABASE OF OPPORTUNITIES



- Most Cambridge target and access opportunities like open lectures, essay competitions and workshops **currently rely on word of mouth or proactive searching.**
- I will create a **new online constantly updated database** that collates and **explains all opportunities** for GCSE and A-level students at each Cambridge college in one place.

A REFORMED SHADOWING SCHEME



- The **Shadowing scheme is no longer fit for purpose:** it is inefficient and does not give prospective students an enriching experience they can carry on to further education.
- I will devote the start of my tenure to **reforming the SU's yearly outreach programme** to be more **inclusive and enriching** for all involved.



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