

Aye and Gaz for BME Officers

A little bit about us

Aye:

- First Year Law student
- Born in Nigeria, but raised in East London
- Extremely passionate about diversity and inclusion. I am involved in the BME taster sessions that are running this year and I hope to hold similar events in the summer.
- Volunteer for the African Prisons Project charity, where I worked in a small team to plan events and launch pilot projects.
- Volunteer for my local Citizens Advice Bureau, so I have experience working in high pressured environments.
- Previously worked as a tutor and mentor

Gaz:

- First Year Law student
- Cameroonian heritage but raised in the West Midlands.
- Head boy at my Sixth Form.
- Mentor for Zero Gravity

Fitzwilliam has the reputation of being one of the friendliest Cambridge colleges and we truly believe that this is because Fitz has cultivated an environment which enables diverse students to feel at home. As BME officers, we hope to continue this effort and make Fitz a place where people from all backgrounds feel comfortable.

Ideas and Goals

- Cultural diversity month
 - Highlight a different continent each week -> exhibition in auditorium displaying fashion, art, music and food.
 - At the end of month, we would host a cultural diversity month formal -> traditional wear encouraged!

- We want to strengthen the BME community here at Fitz
 - Who hope to run events at least once a term -> such as game nights, movie nights, open mike night (comedy/singing etc)
 - Although we hope to build a strong community here at Fitz we know how isolating being confined to your college is, therefore, we hope to work closely with the Target and Access team to host BME Hill College events with Murray Edwards and Churchill.
 - Celebrate traditional/religious holidays/festivals such as Eid and Diwali etc

- We want to build on the outreach and access work that is already taking place here at Fitz. We plan to host a series of events such as:
 - BME virtual/in person summer schools
 - BME virtual/in person open days
 - Run a mentorship programme -> pair BME offer holders with current BME Fitz students.

- Launch an anonymous forum where people can discuss issues that they are experiencing due to being an ethnic minority here at Fitz.
 - Get advice from older students who may have been in similar situations.

- We would aim to get guest speakers in to talk to students about issues pertaining to race and diversity.

- We would also hope to build on the success of the anti-racism workshops.
 - Hopefully by next year, we would be able to run in person interactive workshops with the incoming freshers.