

Mayuran Visakan for JCR Vice-President

Why me?

My name is Mayuran and I'm a second year mathmo. I am running for vice-president as I believe I have the drive and passion to change Fitz for the better for everyone within college. Whether that's sorting out the mundane like bike parking or making sure everyone has somewhere to live next year, I'm up for it and if you vote for me, I will do my best to represent you and to fulfil the points on my manifesto.

Experience:

- JCR Treasurer 2020
- CUSRI Treasurer 2020-2021
- CUHCS Sponsorship Officer 2020-2021
- CAMbassador and eCAMbassador
- Head Organiser of EYPUK Regional Debate Forum for Yorkshire and Humberside 2019

I am:

- **Reliable:** Have experience on the JCR and know how to get things done within college
- **Accountable:** Actively targeted to complete everything on my treasurer manifesto
- **Organised:** Balanced the JCR Treasurer role alongside many other positions and commitments
- **Friendly:** Bit harder to quantify haha but I love helping people and I'm always happy to listen to anything you have to say!

Manifesto

Rent

- **Reflective Rent**

Make rent more reflective of the room you get! We need to consider natural light, corridor facilities, room state, distance to buttry and other college facilities, number of plug sockets and others so you're paying fairer rent!

- **Tackling Rent Increases**

I will support the treasurer and president in tackling steep rent increases that college are likely to pursue following Covid. I will do this by helping gather information to support the rent target we have including data on affordability of housing across college and how other colleges deal with rent.

Housing

- **More Housing Improvements**

Get college to provide more refurbishments to housing! Alongside overhauls, have small changes that address the little things that make houses worse.

- **Help finding housemates**
Balloting is a stressful time and no one wants to be left alone. I will support people struggling to find a group by putting them in touch with groups looking for more people or others also looking for a group.
- **Reflective shadow ballot**
Make sure that the shadow ballot is reflective by making sure people have properly thought about their choice and choose a specific room. I will chase people on the ballot who haven't filled it out to fill it out so people don't have to wait for a long time to choose.
- **4th Year Housing**
Make sure 4th years have are fully informed about how they need to ballot and I will push for unconfirmed 4th years to ballot at the same time as their peers with confirmed 4th years or in another fair manner so that they are not left to choose from whatever rooms are left.
- **Balloting Information**
Give balloting information sessions to freshers, and second and third years so you know what the housing ballot is and what you need to do!
- **Easy House Viewings**
Have a house rep to contact and a visiting weekend in which freshers can visit second year houses to get a look at the WHOLE house.
- **Updated Balloting and Floor Plans**
I will work with the website officer to try and create a more effective shadow ballot and provide accurate floor plans. (Separate to previous shadow ballot point as this regards the actual mechanism with which we do the shadow ballot rather than just making sure the shadow ballot is representative)
- **Mould-Free Rooms**
I will mandate to college that they need to properly check rooms before students move in. No one wants to find mould in their rooms

Ents

- **More College Family Events**
Put on more college family events including a family-feud style gameshow night in the buttery, a sports day, a week 5 happy families hour in the bar and proper marriage photos with a nice backdrop and all.
- **College Family Calendar**
Make a (possibly online) calendar of college family events so people are ready in advance and we don't have any abandoned children missing out!

Improvements

- **Better Formal Mechanisms**
JCR Formals sell out almost instantly so if you're in a suppo then you're done for. I want to make JCR formals bookable through the JCR so we can note who gets seats. Then if you have been to no special formals yet, you could get priority to attend so no one misses out! Also we could have seating plans so more people get to actually sit together.
- **Bike Parking**
Get more sheltered bike parking so you don't end up with a rusty lock or have to squeeze into a tiny gap.

Ambitions

- **Full-time Welfare Officer**

The welfare executives in the JCR have a humongous amount of work to do. Massive props to Beth and Tom but they should not be responsible for so much. Having a full-time welfare officer (possibly shared between colleges or a sabbatical position) would definitely lessen the load and they would provide an extra level of support. I would make them a hub for accessing the resources that the university and the student union provide. They could also provide welfare for staff so this benefits college too!

General

- **Support subcommittee**

I will support the new VP subcommittee by providing focussed direction and advice on how to achieve their goals. I will check in on their progress and hopefully give them the tools to succeed.

- **Represent you!**

I will listen to any views you have and make sure that I represent them at all meetings I attend.

Parting Note

I have the experience and drive to make my ideas happen and if you would like to see these policies come to life, then please vote for me!