

Ciaran for Academic Affairs Officer

Hi, I'm Ciaran. I'm a PPE student from Sheffield. When I'm not working I'm climbing or going to the gym. I'm also, as friends and course-mates can attest, a massive nerd. My natural habitat is in one of the shared rooms in the library, probably late at night, stressing about a looming essay deadline. As such academic affairs seems like a natural fit.

I spent two years as a voluntary maths tutor for younger students at my school, so I have had experience providing academic support. Furthermore, negotiating with academics is a life skill I have had to acquire to survive spending 19 years of my life living with two of them.

Everyone at St Anne's deserves to have the support they need to perform at their best. If given this opportunity I will give my all to make sure that every one of us is able to voice any grievances, or improvements, that could be made regarding the provision of education.



As your Academic Affairs Officer I will:

- Make sure that everyone is provided with the relevant up to date information. The way in which education is provided is going to be contingent on the status of the lockdown. As such, making sure that both students and the JCR committee are well aware of any developments in university policy.
- Work with the **equalities**, **international** and **IT** rep to make sure that everyone has access to the necessary resources both in college and, importantly, during vacation. This will be particularly important considering that the effects of coronavirus will likely mean that a lot of material will need to be accessed online.
- Trial anonymous online feedback for **College tutors** at the end of a term. Tutors could get to determine which questions they ask, and likely receive a more honest answer than they would in person. Students would get the opportunity to express their honest opinions about the aspects of tutorials that they find most and least beneficial. It would, and should, absolutely **NOT** be a judgement of tutors performance but would be a useful tool for honest **communication** between students and tutors.
- Introduce a **drop in session** each week where I am free for students to communicate any of the specifically academic problems they are facing. Beyond that being contactable by email to organise a specific time if fellow students want to address a problem one on one.

I'm sure there are plenty other contributions that can be made to improve academic affairs and I'm open to any and all suggestions people may have. I'm contactable by email and can often be found in the library or STACS (fingers crossed).