

# A REALISTICALLY ACHIEVABLE MANIFESTO FOR ALL

## Brian Robertson for President & Ibz for VP



### Who I am and why I would be pleased to serve you as WCSA President

My name is Brian and I have been at Wolfson for 3 years now and have loved every minute of it! **I was President of the Wolfson June Event 2017** - college's biggest event - a **demanding job** requiring a **year-long commitment**. I have **proven that I can deliver results for Wolfson**: our guests gave us an average score of over 4/5 stars and 94.7% said that they would recommend their friends to attend in 2018. Running the June Event, I:

- **managed a committee of 17 Wolfson students** (WCSA currently has 13).
- **raised and managed a budget of £53,000** (WCSA's 2017 expenditure was £39,996).
- have **pre-established working relationships with key college officials**, such as the Domestic Bursar, with whom I would have to negotiate as WCSA president.
- have **already represented our interests at College Council and House meetings** (where WCSA proposals are formally approved).

### What I propose:

I am not going to pretend I can pluck money out of thin air for bursaries, language courses, and scholarships. I am proposing **realistic and achievable goals to improve college life for all**.

#### Accommodation

- **Fix a cap on rent increases**. Over the past 6 years, **rent increases have outpaced inflation** by 9.4% representing an **average increase above inflation of £14.33/week/room!**
- **Allow students who are on a termly licence to leave their property in their room out-of-term** because most remain unoccupied.

#### Improving college life and facilities

- **Introduce a "necessities" cupboard** where **everyday items** such as toothpaste, Lemsip, and batteries **can be bought out of hours**.
- **Purchase our own punt** or at the very least arrange discounted access to punts.
- Negotiate **discounted rates for bike maintenance, hire, and purchases**.
- Obtain **discounted rates from dry cleaners**.

#### Improve our cafeteria and formal hall

Attendance at our cafeteria and formal hall have dropped by ~10%. Clearly they are not meeting our needs.

- Introduce **online feedback forms** not only to improve choice, quality and quantity of food, also to **obtain responses from staff as to what changes they will make**.
- **Update formal hall booking system** to include waiting list for **last-minute re-sales and purchases**.
- **Allow students to take up vacant seats of no-shows** at formals.
- **Remove the new limit on passes of port and bring back sparkling wine reception**.

#### Facilitate sponsorship for sports clubs and societies

- **If potential sponsors knew that their name** would be **seen across all Wolfson** clubs, societies and events including the June Event, then we have **more chance of securing them**. I will facilitate inter-club cooperation to raise more sponsorship.

#### Ents

- **Increase the number of College excursions - karting/paintball anyone?**
- **More WCSA out-of-term events**. Many Wolfson international and part-time students are in college over the breaks, yet everything dies down in these periods.

#### Part-time student representation on WCSA

- Our 250 part-time Wolfson students should be **represented** on the WCSA committee.