

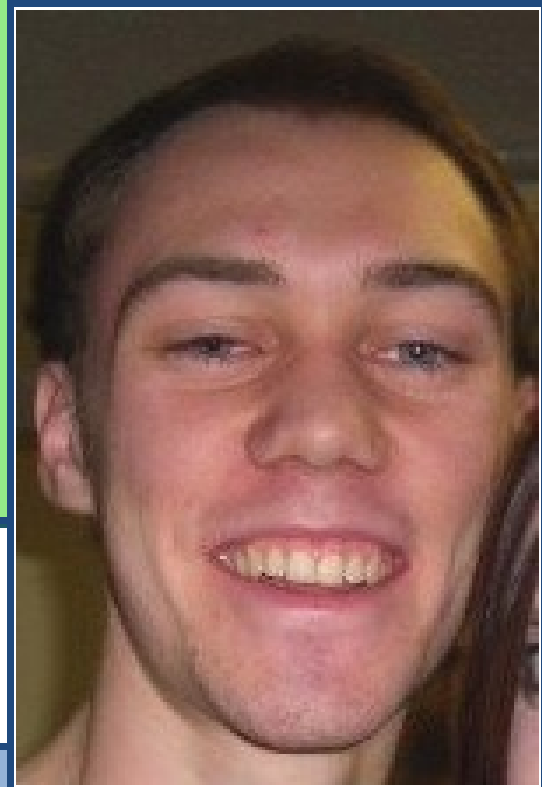
## Why do I want to be your JCR President?

Merton is a fantastic place to be and I want to make sure it stays that way next year for current students and freshers! Whether it's by helping freshers to settle in or encouraging college societies and sports teams, I want to improve the friendly support base we have for Mertonians as they sally forth into the University to do whatever they do best. Previous Presidents and Execs have done great jobs but there's always room for improvement and I'd like to be the one that provides that for you. I have really enjoyed getting to know everyone this year and would love to be your President next year.

### A few ideas...

- Freshers' week: opening the bar for the end of supper, building on the success of 'alternative' events (e.g. an Art Soc event), reducing the stress of 0<sup>th</sup> week work.
- Accountability: use the website including a President's blog and polls and forums on JCR and OUSU issues.
- Negotiating with college to keep rents the best value in Oxford, to improve the kitchen provision and to ensure the new gym will be what the students who use it need.

## Josh Monahan for JCR President



### Experience & Effectiveness:

**Neave Soc President:** I have put on successful events as part of the committee (as VP over the last year) and now lead the committee as President, overseeing the running of events, speaker invitations, publicity and liaising with college.

**OUSU Rep:** As your current OUSU Rep, I am familiar with OUSU Council and representing the views of the JCR.

**Gap Year at a consultancy:** I worked as part of a team on major projects but also had experience of delegating to and motivating others on more minor projects under my responsibility. I had to meet deadlines, come up with innovative approaches to problems and become a ninja at report-writing. My experience of having to communicate ideas quickly and effectively to senior management in meetings would be a useful skill in liaising and negotiating with college, OUSU and the University.

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