

# MYLES MCSWINEY

## FOR DISABILITIES OFFICER

### About me

I am a first year Natural Scientist with experience of living and studying with a disability in college. I would love to help those that consider themselves to have a disability to manage the difficulties further education can pose and make the experience of students with disabilities at Pembroke as positive as possible.

### What I would hope to achieve

- I would be a **friendly and informative point of contact** for students going through the application process for DSA (especially transport-related support) and **help with introducing them to the DRC to further assist** in provision.
- I would **provide up-to-date information** to incoming students regarding adapted rooms and **accommodation provision** (e.g. the availability of shower rails for safety, ground floor rooms for accessibility etc.).
- I would **work with Access** to detail the help College is willing to provide and increase potential applicants' awareness of Pembroke's positive and proactive response to students with disabilities.
- I would continue the provision of **easily accessible stationery requirements** and make the process of asking for particular needs easier.
- It makes me very sad to see people struggling around college on crutches, especially when it is wet and slippery– you need new, non-worn ferrules on your crutches or you will fall (I can confirm this hurts). I hope to generally **improve the experiences of students with a temporary disability** around college by creating a system of accessing help.
- Through fundraising for Samaritans, I have met a huge number of people for whom Samaritans were invaluable in times of need. I would like to **forge a stronger College link with the local centre**, with the potential for regular drop in sessions. I would also work with the Welfare officers in offering more mental health support activities.
- Staying active with a disability in Cambridge can be hard. I would like to **set up a free swim session for students at the very accessible Parkside pools** and also having **trial sessions for adapted sports** for all Pembroke students.

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