



OSCAR RIDOUT FOR LGBT+

I'm a first-year Music student here at Pembroke, and a proud member of the college's LGBT+ community. Pembroke is a wonderfully welcoming and warm community which I have felt from the positive attitudes of the student body. I want to build on the amazing groundwork done by my predecessors to make Pembroke a safe and comfortable space for everybody, regardless of gender identity and expression or sexual orientation. I feel I am well-suited to and capable of the role of LGBT+ officer here at Pembroke. I am outgoing, friendly and compassionate, and love to chat.

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***Intersectionality is crucial** to understanding the issues facing LGBT+ people, and as such I would make sure to constantly liaise with other members of the Welfare team – the Welfare Officer, Women's Welfare, Men's Welfare, Women's Representation, Ethnic Minorities, Disabled Students' and International Students' officers. Working with each on an individual level and as a collective will be vital for making sure all the obstacles facing LGBT+ individuals in the College community are tackled on an institutional scale.*

*I am a keen and considerate host, and look forward to having ***the best* LGBT+ social events** of any Cambridge college – I'm thinking not just twice-termly predrinks and occasional swaps, but film nights, discussion groups, coffee chats and an LGBT+ bop (let's go BIG). And although LGBT+ socialising is about far more than Glitterbomb, I'd still try to always get a squad to go because it's really fun anyway.*

*I understand that many LGBT+ people have very negative experiences from time to time in Cambridge, and may not be willing to openly discuss them. I would set up an **anonymous service** that students could use to get in touch with their concerns regarding LGBT+ welfare. For people who are happy to chat, I am too – I will schedule a **dedicated time once or twice a week where I will be stationed in the JP and available to chat** about anything and everything, and I promise to be always contactable through notes in pigeonholes, emails and Facebook.*

*My aims as LGBT+ officer would be fundamentally to make sure **nobody is made to feel disadvantaged, alone, sad or ignored as a result of their gender identity and expression or sexual orientation**. I want everybody in the Pembroke community to feel welcomed and valued regardless of who they are and who they love.*