

## Naomi Vince for President!!

**Proposer:** George Hargreaves (current TCSU Male Welfare/doughnut bringer)

**Secunder:** Harry Devlin (current TCSU Access officer/karaoke legend)

Hi, I'm **Naomi**, a second year law student. I'm the current **female welfare officer** on TCSU (so you probably get lots of emails from me about welfare tea). In my welfare role, I've been constantly drawn to issues that you, the students, have brought to me, so if I'm elected president, these are the issues that I want to focus on.

### WHY ME?

I'm currently on TCSU so have a good sense of how things are running, and as welfare, I cover all students' wellbeing, and I plan on using the presidency to extend this idea – my focus will be on ensuring the students are looked after and thriving at Trinity, and that it is your concerns that are being addressed.

I'm a very sociable person and am always willing to chat, so if anyone had anything they wished to raise with TCSU, I'd hope they'd be comfortable enough to just ask me. I am not afraid to argue and fight for what the students wants, so you can be sure that if you have an issue with college, they will hear about it! If you have a problem, I want to know and I want to help

I'm also the BME representative on Femsoc committee, on a CULS mootings subcommittee, and am the current student volunteer to represent Trinity at the Law Faculty. On top of that I still have a pretty healthy social life and am not currently failing my degree. This has all provided me with a wide skill set that will be helpful in doing the job.

### WHAT I PLAN TO DO:

I want to utilise the master plan to make to (finally) get **lights on the avenue**, have a **distinct bar and café** so there are more clear spaces for studying and socialising and more space for internal college events like bops, as well as **renovate old fields and the gym** to provide better facilities.

Considering the cost of living crisis, I will also be arguing for **food prices to be cut**. It is unfair for students to be paying a kitchen fixed charge, which is meant to be subsidising hall food, and also be paying the current prices. If the menu were to be simplified, and the ingredients used were seasonal and local, the food would be cheaper (and most likely taste better). There should also be **increased cooking facilities** for those who don't want to eat in hall all the time.

There also needs to be an **easier way of communicating with the TCSU**. The **anonymous contact form** should be **split into two** – one for submitting any comments or criticisms (with a way for TCSU to respond to any specific questions), and one to request any welfare supplies. Both should be available on the **TCSU website**, which also needs to be **updated** to allow for easier access to information about the TCSU, **what we're doing** and access to societies. The most important thing is that student voices are heard and the TCSU campaigns for what the student want.

I'd also like to continue a recent initiative started by Tayla (current TCSU President) to start a **Trinitea**. This is effectively a **welfare tea** that **any person in college** – e.g., porters, catering, housekeeping, fellows – as well as students can attend. Here, the students can meet, talk to, and generally get to know the people who help keep college running. It would also be a great chance for students to meet the mental health advisor, senior tutor, master etc. and just generally put names to faces.

Overall, I want to see **real change** from college. I would work with the other members of committee to **push for substantive change** where needed and **support their ideas** in meetings with college council. I will be **critical** of college where they may be failing students, and crucially, bring the students' voices to college so they can fully understand how to best **improve student experience**.

Please message me if you have any questions! **Facebook: Naomi Vince** or **Email: nv330@cam.ac.uk**