

SCRUTINISED LONG MANIFESTOS - TT20

CANDIDATES FOR SECRETARY'S COMMITTEE

Benjamin Goodrick (Trinity College) - Candidate for Secretary's Committee - Long Manifesto

#ThirdWay **Library Committee**, *Over-enthusiastic speaker*, Political Society Junior Officer, Careers Society **Treasurer-Elect**, *Goodrick is the one you should pick!*

Ahmed Imran (Hertford College) - Candidate for Secretary's Committee - Long Manifesto

School House Official, Inexperienced Swimmer, **Co-Chaired School Law Society**.

Zoe Heimann (St Anne's College) - Candidate for Secretary's Committee - Long Manifesto

#HOPE **Passionate Painter**. Ex **competitive dancer**. Fake scouser. The **best** out of the **triplets**. It is **Zo-Easy** to vote **Heimann!**

Oliver Hardman (Keble College) - Candidate for Secretary's Committee - Long Manifesto

#HOPE 2XI Uni Hockey Captain. Grade 1 Recorder. Head Boy. Thumb warred alleged Kiwi SAS. JCR Speaker. Remembers first beer. Curious.

Dario Cowdery (Mansfield College) - Candidate for Secretary's Committee - Long Manifesto

#ThirdWay

GF called me 'moderately competent'. Secretary of *small* Oxford society. **Awarded DofE bronze**. Pls_vOtE FoR nIcE_gUy.

John Yap (Sponsorship Officer, Mansfield College) - Candidate for Secretary's Committee - Long Manifesto

#HOPE **Coach: Beginners Squads!** Assisted with Podcasts. World Schools Debater: Represented *HK, China*. Arranged **Charity Debating Outreach**. Yes, it's Yap!

Benedict Yorston (Merton College) - Candidate for Secretary's Committee - Long Manifesto

#HOPE **ACTOR: Sherlock Holmes!** Award-Winning Public Speaker. *School Magazine Editor*. Will dye hair ginger if elected! No **Puns**, Vote **Yorston**.

Clara Morrissey (Keble College) - Candidate for Secretary's Committee - Long Manifesto

*Political Society Committee, Chorister, Mediocre Flautist! Senior Prefect, **See What Happens When You Vote Morrissey!***

Adi Kesaia Toganivalu (Magdalen College) - Candidate for Secretary's Committee - Long Manifesto

#HOPE Westminster YOUTH COUNCIL, Agony Aunt for OxStu, *Read to the elderly!* **Vote Toganivalu to Value You!**

Joe Lawler (Pembroke College) - Candidate for Secretary's Committee - Long Manifesto

*College Rowing Team Vice-Captain, Keen Greggs Enthusiast, **Liverpool FC Employee**, Vote for **Lawler**, it's a **Joe Brainer!***

James Dugdale (Lady Margaret Hall) - Candidate for Secretary's Committee - Long Manifesto

*Assisted Hong Kong Podcast - Confirmed Speaker, Completed 10 Vacation Days, **College Debater**, Orchestra Trumpeter! **We Will Prevail, Vote Dugdale***

Marcus Ray (Corpus Christi College) - Candidate for Secretary's Committee - Long Manifesto

#HOPE Interned for UN Official, Head Boy, *Australian chauvinist*, **Jägerbomb enthusiast!** Travels to obscure countries. A **Ray** a day!

Eddy Jones (New College) - Candidate for Secretary's Committee - Long Manifesto

#HOPE ACTOR: *The Crown*. Podcaster! **Testing** Isle of Wight *track and trace*. President: School Politics Society **READY, STEADY.... VOTE EDDY!**

Ellen Welford (Exeter College) - Candidate for Secretary's Committee - Long Manifesto

*Investment Access Charity Ambassador, **School Management Competition Finalist**.*

Jasmine de Braganca (Brasenose College) - Candidate for Secretary's Committee - Long Manifesto

Goethe Institute German Debater, **Talented Thespian**, College Femsoc Committee Member.

Juan Davila (St John's College) - Candidate for Secretary's Committee - Long Manifesto

Political Society Social Secretary, Head Boy, Tech Intern, Lead CERN Competition Team!
Make Me Your **No. Juan**

Daniel Syed-Chaudhry (Sponsorship Officer, St Hilda's College) - Candidate for Secretary's Committee - Long Manifesto

#HOPE: Finance Director of CAPITOX, Consultant with OSG, Treasurer of Cultural Society. Bridge Fanatic! Side with SYED!

Anvee Bhutani (Logistics Officer, Magdalen College) - Candidate for Secretary's Committee - Long Manifesto

CONFIRMED **Jeb Bush** and **Steve Aoki**, College Access Ambassador, Founded Education Non-Profit.

June-Ho Chung (Sponsorship Officer, St John's College) - Candidate for Secretary's Committee - Long Manifesto

#HOPE Vice President of OFS, University Golfer, Social Sec of SJCAFC, Oxford University Orchestra Cellist! This June, Vote June-Ho!

Helen Hall (Balliol College) - Candidate for Secretary's Committee - Long Manifesto

ALTS College Ice Hockey Player, Convened Oxford Schools' Round, Fresher College Medic Rep.

Alana Brown (Graduate Officer, Green Templeton College) - Candidate for Secretary's Committee - Long Manifesto

Invited 35+ Speakers, MBA, Co-Chair at Oxford Women's Leadership Alliance, Cherwell Wealth Inequality Writer, California Native, Aspiring Maltipoo parent!

Parth Gosalia (Ex-Press Officer, Christ Church) - Candidate for Secretary's Committee - Long Manifesto

#HOPE School Vice-Captain. Invited **Russian Ambassador**. **HELPED ARRANGE UN Debate**. *European Youth Parliament UK. Sailing. HOPE you choose the right Parth!*

Katie Hearne (Worcester College) - Candidate for Secretary's Committee - Long Manifesto

Student Direct of School MUN Soc, National Schools Gold Medallist Rower, Freshers JCR Rep.

Lily (Xueqi) Jiang (Magdalen College) - Candidate for Secretary's Committee - Long Manifesto

#HOPE *Mathematician!* **Kpop Dancer, Mandarin Debater.** Founded school finance society. World traveller, *origami fanatic*. Don't be **silly**, vote **Lily!**

Priya Garg (Somerville College) - Candidate for Secretary's Committee - Long Manifesto

CANDIDATES FOR STANDING COMMITTEE

Alex Warr (Director of Sponsorship, *St Anne's College*) - Candidate for Standing Committee - Long Manifesto

Growing up I was taught to debate and exchange ideas with those around me. The Union offers us exactly this. The Union should be an inclusive forum for intellectual exchange, and I'm committed to help return us to those roots. I've been on Standing Committee before, and I'm running again because there's more work to be done. Since being elected last time, I've invited speakers, helped arrange a debate, and worked to raise sponsorship for your Union.

Julia Hussain (Ex-Deputy Returning Officer, *The Queen's College*) - Candidate for Standing Committee - Long Manifesto

Being a President during a remote term has given me valuable experience in delivering events no matter the circumstances. I draw on my experience of arranging the 2019 election three-party debate and organising panels as the first female President of the Oxford Forum. Having never run in the Union before but still having worked on making important discussions happen, I see the power of **all** members to contribute to the Society. That's why I pledge to involve members more.

Sonya Ribner (Ex-Elected Member of Secretary's Committee, *Magdalen College*) - Candidate for Standing Committee - Long Manifesto

ACCOMPLISHED

- CONFIRMED *Sir Laurie Bristow*
- HELPED ARRANGE **Putin Podcast**
- INTEREST from Retired Boxer
- INVITED 30+ speakers - Transformers Actress

EXPERIENCED

- COMPLETED 9 Vacation Days
- District *Environmental Affairs* Intern
- California Native

Thea Drinkall (Ex-Elected Member of Secretary's Committee, Hertford College) - Candidate for Standing Committee - Long Manifesto

ACCOMPLISHED

- HELPED ARRANGE **Comedy Podcast**
- INTEREST from Refugee MP
- WROTE QUESTIONS for *Harry Potter Actress*

EXPERIENCED

- **College Politics & Economics Society Committee**
- College Netball Social Secretary
- *School MUN Co-President*

Adam Shewry (Standing Committee, *Balliol College*) - Candidate for Standing Committee - Long Manifesto

Having attended a State School in North East England until the age of 16, the idea of public speaking or debating was entirely unfamiliar to me. At the Union, I got my first chance to make a (winning!) speech in the Chamber last term. That's why I want to reprioritise debates for members - giving those not on Committee the same opportunity. Having sat on 8 committees, I want to expand the number and remit of elected spots for all members.

Viren Shetty (Secretary's Committee, *Christ Church*) - Candidate for Standing Committee - Long Manifesto

Watching Arunachalam Muruganatham making jokes in a language he picked up into adulthood showed me the power an address can have. I have found from being on committee that it's up to us to make great events like this happen. Because people deserve a platform if they have something to say, I've worked hard to confirm speakers - including a leading Indian Opposition figure - and to advocate for issues I care about, as in my Feminism Paper Speech.

Henry (Qifeng) He (Secretary's Committee, *Magdalen College*) - Candidate for Standing Committee - Long Manifesto

It is a privilege to serve during a virtual term. From confirming a Nobel Prize medicine laureate to inviting a former Senate Majority leader, I invited speakers on issues that matter, like COVID19 and the US election. I witnessed our institution evolving into a modern form, unleashing its potential to host more international speakers. As an international student myself, I want to platform more international voices as well as improving accessibility for international members with multilingual captions.

Timea Iliffe (Press Officer, *New College*) - Candidate for Standing Committee - Long Manifesto

The Union has proven to be better and worse than I imagined. Motivated by listening to Megan Twohey and Jodi Kantor speak with a survivor alongside them, I have worked hard to invite and confirm speakers with important things to say, including Linda Sarsour and Loretta Lynch. If on Standing Committee, I'd work to diversify the termcard, holding a domestic violence panel and hosting speakers who will draw crowds and leave an impression.

Joseph Brian Murphy (St Anne's College) - Candidate for Standing Committee - Long Manifesto

ACCOMPLISHED

- JCR PRESIDENT
- NEGOTIATING accommodation **RENT**
- PASSED motion to introduce JCR Stash Rep

EXPERIENCED

- COORDINATED *JCR committee online transition*
- OVERSEE JCR committee of **25+ people**
- CO-ARRANGED College Freshers' Week
- OUAC MEN'S HURDLES SQUAD CAPTAIN

George Beglan (*Mansfield College*) - Candidate for Standing Committee - Long Manifesto

#ThirdWay

- Further empower Access Committee, in line with advice from ex-Access Officers.

Molly Mantle (Secretary's Committee, *St Hugh's College*) - Candidate for Standing Committee - Long Manifesto

ACCOMPLISHED

- CONCEIVED of **ACCESS HANDBOOK**
- CONFIRMED 3 Speakers: *Jane Goodall, Amy Hart*
- HELPED ARRANGE 3 Events: **Love Island Podcast**
- INTEREST from Civil Rights Activist

EXPERIENCED

- COMPLETED 17.5 Vacation Days
- **Ex-LGBTQIA+ Officer**
- **Secretary Committee's Secretary**

VISION

- **IMPROVE SPEAKER DIVERSITY: *LGBTQIA+ Panel***

- Secretary of Secretary's Committee
- Bar Strategy Committee Elected Member
- Ran a National Campaign to ban Conversion Therapy
- Interest from Civil Rights Activist who worked with Martin Luther King
- Helped Arrange Access Handbook

Josh Wallace (Secretary's Committee, *Jesus College*) - Candidate for Standing Committee - Long Manifesto

ACCOMPLISHED

- CONFIRMED *Brendan Rodgers, Sam Allardyce*
- HELPED ARRANGE **Afghanistan Podcast**
- DELIVERED Paper Speech: **Decade Debate**

EXPERIENCED

- COMPLETED **21** Vacation Days
- FACILITATED 8 Events
- **Ex-Logistics Officer**

VISION

- **IMPROVE FACILITIES:** SkySports for Bar, *Revamp Snooker Tables*

- Attended State School before Oxford

Zeus Chen (Secretary's Committee, *Mansfield College*) - Candidate for Standing Committee - Long Manifesto

Dedicated

- Entrepreneur
- Strategy Consultant

Won

- St. George's Award
- Oxford Union Internal Debating Competition

Distinguished

- Admissions Ambassador, Oxford MBA
- Panelist, Oxford Young Leaders Roundtable
- Member, Oxford University Strategic Studies Group at All Souls College

Veteran

- Naval Machine Gun Captain onboard RSN's largest warship
- Investment Banker advising Canadian mining companies on capital raising

Vision

- Strengthen Alumni Engagement and Network

CANDIDATE FOR SECRETARY

Adam Roble (Standing Committee, *St Edmund Hall*) - Candidate for Secretary - Long Manifesto

#HOPE

Why I'm Running:

Hi! I'm Adam! My family are originally from East Africa, Somalia, and I was born in the Netherlands - moving to South London aged 5. I attended state schools for the majority of my schooling and was then fortunate enough to be awarded a full academic scholarship to study at Eton College for sixth form.

I had a fantastic experience there and was involved in so many things I would've never imagined myself doing - being the President of Eton's Political Society and hosting 2 former UK Prime Ministers. While at sixth form in particular, I began to realise the significance of inclusive dialogue and critical thinking. Being the only Secretary Candidate in this election to confirm a student as a speaker demonstrates my keenness to give platforms to interesting voices.

Realising the importance of privilege led me to teach debating in state schools and volunteer at a pupil referral unit during my gap year. This is a sentiment that is key for all officers of the Union.

I have a burning desire to ensure those who come after me have an easier journey than I did, so it is my aim to ensure that we foster a Union that all members, whether they are Access Members like me or not - and regardless of their gender, race, sexuality, ability, or religion - are proud to be a part of. Being an elected member of Access Committee has allowed me to raise important discussions for your Union, such as having a Welfare Officer, the effective use of Union money for the wellbeing of the Union committee, and diversifying the composition of Library Committee.

I am running for Secretary of the Union because I have #HOPE in it and for it. I have #HOPE for a better Union.

My Pledges

I endorse all #HOPE pledges. I also pledge the following:

- Greater inclusion for Foundation Year Students
- LGBT+, BAME, and Wom*n's Socials
- Panel on Islamophobia in Britain

CANDIDATE FOR TREASURER-ELECT

Tamzin Lent (Standing Committee, *St Peter's College*) - Candidate for Treasurer-Elect - Long Manifesto

#HOPE

Why I'm Running:

I am the founder of a business for student safety, and I am launching an app which aims to make reporting sexual assault and crime easier. As such, speaking on feminism in the chamber was a deeply profound experience for me. It made me think about how far we have come as a community, but also how far we have yet to go.

I, like many other Oxford students, volunteered during the Covid-19 crisis. As Social Secretary of OUAFC, I also organised the club's charity 1,500 km run. All the while, the Union buildings stood completely empty and inactive. We need the Union to step up and to do more for the local community, which is why I want to work with charitable organisations as Treasurer.

I was always aware that I didn't know who my genetic father was as a child, a curiosity that has fueled my commitment to inspiring the next generation. From volunteering at a local primary school, to looking after a group of kids night and day for two months last year, I know how valuable it is to inspire children to bring about future change, and I want there to be spaces for local schools to attend debates and events.

Through inviting and confirming speakers like Peggy Gou and Bernardine Evaristo, to organising the Book Club Panel (confirming Obioma, Vaquèz and Joyce Carol Oates) to helping arrange the Refugee Debate, I have seen how the Union can be used to inspire. The Holocaust Memorial Panel I organised was so meaningful given that I have devoted much of my life to combating antisemitism, and I am currently an Emerson Fellow with a Jewish Charity.

My Pledges

I endorse all #HOPE pledges. I also pledge the following:

- Seats at events and debates for students at local schools
- Collaboration with charities for speaker events
- Sign language interpreters for events to improve access
- Discounted tickets and drinks at venues in Oxford
- Sport events in the Chamber!

CANDIDATES FOR LIBRARIAN-ELECT

Douglas 'Doug' Rebanks Huang (St Catherine's College) - Candidate for Librarian-Elect - Long Manifesto

No more in-fighting and games: Elect someone who has the skills and neutrality to shepherd the Society's library

EXPERIENCED:

- PhD in Systems Management, with focus on Librarianship
- Social Science Master's Degree
- 2 years as a professional librarian
- Managed 5+ staff
- Experience in staff discipline
- Led forum for ethnic minorities

INDEPENDENT

- Politically independent—I've been out the country for 3 years!
- Never held any position in the Union

Chengkai Xie (Ex-Secretary, *Brasenose College*) - Candidate for Librarian-Elect - Long Manifesto

#HOPE

Why I'm Running:

This is not the first time I put myself forward for an Officer role in the Union.

I served as your Secretary. I ran for President last year to lead the institution away from the status quo. I am not prepared to give up despite the setback. This time I want to focus my energy on creating a term card of speakers and events that genuinely resemble members' diverse interests. A term away from the committee allowed me to reflect on my time in the Union.

Coming from a state school in Preston, the opportunity to discuss the leading issues of our day with leaders of our world was an unbelievably exciting prospect. I knew I wanted to be part of this conversation as soon as I arrived at Oxford.

I will never forget how my first Union experience, the No Confidence debate, convinced me to become a member. Little did I know, a year later I would be delivering a paper speech alongside ministers on the same motion. When I was growing up in China, I could never have dreamed of sitting in the Secretary's chair during Thursday night debates. From someone who barely knew any English when I first came to the UK, to someone who represented the Oxford Union to deliver Debate Workshops abroad, my journey in the Union has been one of the most eye-opening and confidence-building experiences. The Union provided an unique platform for me to engage with the powerful as well as the oppressed, whether that is arranging Theresa May reception and confirming the former President of Taiwan or organising a North Korean defectors special event.

Having benefited so much from the Union, I am eager to improve your experience and I hope to help you get the most out of your membership.

My Pledges

I am committed to the following:

- **Democratised events:** Speaker, Debate and Q&A suggestions
- **Interactive events:** Concerts and Screenings in the Chamber
- **Accessible events:** Translation for foreign speakers
- **Diverse events:** Platform marginalised voices
- **Modernised events:** Podcasts and live streaming

CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT-ELECT

Jack Solomon (Treasurer, *St Peter's College*) - Candidate for President-Elect - Long Manifesto

#HOPE

Why I'm Running

When I came to Oxford from Australia I really didn't know what I was getting myself into. I didn't know what a Pret was, and famously I still called flip flops 'thongs'.

But when I got here, I had heard of the Oxford Union. And I was VERY excited when I discovered that the first event of the year happened to be a former Australian Prime Minister. I was lucky - as I watched Tony Abbott speak, the Union felt very familiar from very early on in my time at Oxford. But that's something that most people don't get when they enter the Union for the first time.

It's also a feeling that I haven't always had. When I gave my first paper speech in a Union debate, I was up against Katie Hopkins. I started my speech by making a joke about how I, "a small Jewish boy," had been selected to replace an antisemitic politician in the debate. I got about 10 laughs. Katie Hopkins then got up and declared she'd have preferred to hear from the antisemitic politician. She got most of the Chamber laughing.

People talk all the time about the Union being unfriendly and exclusionary. And being shut down in front of a full Chamber really has stuck with me. I still vividly remember in that debate against Katie Hopkins being desperate to give a reply speech to prove myself. Speaking in that debate prompted me to go on arranging debates aimed at platforming minorities, coaching squads, and convening tournaments - these are multiple ways in which I have gone about making debate more open to everyone in the Union.

I think ultimately when you ask people "why did you join the Union in the first place?", the most common answer is often "well, it gets really famous and important speakers, who you get to meet". And that seems like the right answer: the Union should be about challenging big ideas, seeing speakers most people never get to see, and getting to debate challenging notions with some of the brightest people in the world.

I have HOPE in a Union where we can all have the chance to see and speak to politicians, sportspeople, celebrities, scientists, and authors who excite us; and one where we all have the confidence and platform to challenge those views, or to defend them.

My Pledges

I endorse all #HOPE pledges. I also pledge the following:

- Bigger Meet and Greets
- Livestream events
- Turn Events into Podcasts
- Refurbish Buildings
- Graduate Symposiums
- Presidential Open Hour
- Audition for Thursday Night Debates!

- Greater Membership Drive Outreach
- Drinks for Internationals
- Environmental Impact Report