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Applying for: Sports and Societies Officer

Quick presentation : Hi! I'm Alexandra. This is my 2nd year at Hughes, having done an MPhil last year, and currently completing my 1st year as a PhD student in Chemistry. I am one of the (many ?) students living off-site, but you probably saw me around College at various events, or on week-ends as a Student-Porter.

Vision for the role: I see the role of the Sports and Societies Officer first and foremost as a **role of support** – support to the captains of teams and presidents of societies to enable them to provide the best possible experience for their teams and members; support to any student that wishes to create a new club or society, or wishes to find one that we do not have as of yet in Hughes; and a relay between the clubs and societies, and the wider Hughes community. It is also a role that can help shape and **improve life at Hughes**, by building on the current state of things to better meet the expectations of the student body.

Involvement in College and in the Uni:

- **Hughes Badminton**: Captain
- **Hughes Basketball**: Social Sec
- **Ultimate Frisbee**: Uni team

Despite an injury that has kept me off the courts for most of the past two terms, sports has always been a key component of my life, as my different engagements this year can testify. Even though I have not personally taken an active role in any of the different societies existing in Hughes, I have attended events that have been hosted by some of them, and fully acknowledge their importance in helping make Hughes a thriving and welcoming environment. If elected, I intend to draw on these experiences to better fulfill my role as Sports and Societies officer.

Key measures for the mandate:

- **College-wide survey** at the end of the year – better understanding the experience and expectations of the Hughes community after 1 year in College with regards to sports and societies. Implementation where possible through out the year.
- **Survey of the current captains and presidents** – understanding how to provide a more effective support based on their experience and needs.
- **Improve accessibility** to clubs and societies not currently present in Hughes.
- **Improving on communication** – keep webpage updated; make key information more accessible; create a calendar with a list of events in and around Cambridge;
- **Sporting facilities in Hughes**: investigating a possible expansion of these.
- Possible directions of improvement: online presence, funding sources, contact with the captains and presidents, keeping track of the blues and half-blue players in Hughes