Access is a political issue.
The underrepresentation of state-comp and BME students at elite universities reflects the education system’s failure to support disadvantaged and marginalised pupils.
Cambridge has a role to play and we need to pay attention to access in all areas.

THE CHALLENGES

| There is underrepresentation of state-comp and BME students achieving the requirements to get into Cambridge |
| Disadvantaged and marginalised students have lower offer and acceptance rates than other students |
| There is no guarantee students from disadvantaged backgrounds have their voice heard on student councils |
| Poor social mobility contributes towards inequality. Access to elite universities is one factor causing a lack of social mobility |

THE SOLUTIONS

- Increase the number of initiatives like the foundation year, which help disadvantaged students catch-up.
- Push the university to consider contextual offers
- Increase the resources available to help with interview preparation
- Expand post-offer support
- Push for Class Act representatives on JCR, MCR and CUSU councils and on campaign committees
- Make sure Cambridge follows the lead of other universities or is the leader in improving access to elite universities across the UK

We must recognise there are many more areas for Cambridge to improve

I’m Dominic a 2nd Year Economist at Magdalene, as PTE officer I will put pressure on the university to make sure access is paid attention to in all areas: before applying, during the application process, for offer holders and for students once they are here.

With the foundation year, the Stormzy scholarship and reform to the bursary system it is clear the university is receptive to access issues. We must take advantage of this.

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