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Leading Homerton Into A Brighter Post Pandemic Future

I'm a third year Nat Sci, and current HUS VPI, who wants to represent you as your next President. Homerton is entering one of the greatest periods of change in its modern history as we get a new Hall, new principal and come out of the pandemic. I have helped manage the HUS this year during one of, if not its most, difficult periods ever and am keen to carry on this work into next year and lead the HUS into representing students as best it can. I achieved what I set out to do in my VPI manifesto and now is the crucial time to look forward and help the students of Homerton to get the substantial change they want to see. (CN: Sexual Assault)

What I will do

Help Homerton to look forwards, with a focus on COMMUNITY:

Cambridge was difficult before, but this year we have seen how much harder it is when we're isolated. We must have a focus on rebuilding the Homerton community we are all proud of, through:

- **The Return of Bops** – Bops are a crucial part of building the Homerton community and post pandemic they should, and will, come roaring back to college life.
- **More themed events/formals** – Harry Potter formal, Halloween Cocktails in the Griff and Casino Nights in the Buttery are all great ways for people to come together and enjoy being part of Homerton. These sorts of events will return with much greater student input on what they want these events to involve.
- **The Old Hall as an alternative Study Space to the Library** - Expand the study spaces of the College and use this as an alternative for people who want to work with their friends in a slightly more relaxed environment without the pressure of the library.
- **Return of Sunday Fun Days** – Stress isn't just a thing in Easter term! We should have something to look forward to every week with the return of Laser tag, Zorbing, Outdoor Cinema evenings.
- **Getting the Freshers Week/Halfway Hall/Subject Dinners that you deserve** - No-one should have to permanently miss out on these great University traditions because of the pandemic and I will ensure everyone has the chance to enjoy the full experience.

Prioritise a complete overhaul of sexual assault policy

The Varsity article in relation to sexual assault was damning for Homerton; it underlined the scale of this problem and the necessity of change so that Homerton can feel safe for everyone. We need to radically rebuild policy at Homerton and work to improve the awareness and attitudes of staff and students alike. The basis for these reforms will be:

- **The complaints process must be simpler and more visible** – Making people more comfortable to come forward starts with making the process simpler. Students should know who to talk to and an alternative if that is easier for them. Clear guidance and support must be offered and the complaints process can no longer be obfuscated by pointless bureaucracy. This applies to many other aspects of College life: financial, academic and mental health support must be easier to obtain.
- **Revitalise and maintain student committees for rewriting the sexual assault policy** – it is essential that students decide for themselves how college should act in these circumstances.
- **An independent process** – Separate from the formal procedure to appeal or complain when students feel they have been mistreated or unfairly dealt with while registering a complaint.
- **To have a policy to make accommodation requests simpler and hassle free** – Homerton is our home and students must be able to request to not be housed near people they would be uncomfortable living with, without needing to justify themselves in detail to others.