

# PRESIDENT

## *Candidates*

- *Lisa Blundell*
- *Arvind Singhal*
- *Naomi Stubbens*
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### **\*\*\*Lisa Blundell\*\*\***

During my tenure as Treasurer of Oxford Medical Students' Society I learnt that the two most important aspects of a medical society are money and communication. If elected President of Osler House I would aim to increase the income generated and improve communication between the committee and the student body.



### **Money**

The success of Osler House depends upon the amount of money that it can raise. My fundraising approach would encompass three distinct strategies: increasing sponsorship, increasing donations from medical alumni and friends, and opening up rooms in Osler House for hire when not in use by students. The more money that is brought in, the more that can be spent on you.

### **Communication**

Osler House is here to support, represent and provide for the medical students. A greater dialogue between the students and the Osler House would help to continue to improve the provisions available to medical students. A simple but effective way to start improving communication would be through a suggestion box. Greater input from the student body combined with more regular committee meetings would enable more efficient running of Osler House and greater cohesion within the medical school.

Osler House should also be reaching beyond its student body to prospective students. We should play a greater role in terms of access and admissions to the university, with a focus on schools currently underrepresented in the university.

I feel I have both the experience and vision, and I relish the opportunity to lead Osler House through the opportunities and challenges ahead over the coming year.

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### **\*\*\*Arvind Singhal\*\*\***

Osler House is our society, and as President I'd strive to make it better for all of us.

The clinical school is a great community, and Osler is key to this. I'm keen to further the work of the current committee in making Osler more accessible. I want to make Osler the central hub for



students both during the day and in the evenings, where I think we can do better by holding more events outside of bops like pub quizzes, open mic nights and so on.

Osler is currently running at a significant deficit, meaning we have to explore new ways to increase revenue or cut back on expenses. I believe that you deserve a say on these decisions and promise to keep you involved.

As former Brasenose JCR President I feel I have a lot of relevant experience. I think that we can learn from JCRs to expand the scope of Osler. For example, given that we're here all summer we could run a punt scheme outside term time, providing us with both cheap access to punts and another source of revenue. A simple database where 6<sup>th</sup> years leave details of their accommodation could help lessen the 4<sup>th</sup> year house-hunting stress.

Osler represents clinical students' opinions to the medical school and the university. I've had experience as a student representative, and would make sure that your voice is heard.

I believe I'm well placed to lead a committee that will ensure that Osler goes from strength to strength.

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**\*\*\*Naomi Stubbens\*\*\***

As a previous MedSoc committee member, I am aware of the importance of having a tight-knit team working together to represent YOU. I would love the new challenge of taking on a leading role as President of Osler House. I currently have no other commitments, so can dedicate time and effort to continuing the excellent work of this year's team.

If elected president, my main aims would be:

**Fundraising**, ensuring funds now, and stability for the future:

- **Telethon**  
With experience in college Telethons, I am really keen to set one up, raising money for Osler House, and allowing students to earn extra money!
- **Alumni Events**  
Not only to cement alumni relations, but also to earn funds through lunches/reunions/guest speakers

**Osler House**

- Continue improvements in facilities and access in Osler, and ensure it is used in students' best interests (including bops/Tingewick events!)

**Osler Mess**



- Make sure there is *actually* tea/coffee/milk available, and a working printer with genuine ink and paper!

My experience shows I can delegate tasks and organise a fantastic Freshers' week, which I hope to make accessible for all years:

- Led the MedSoc Entz team and organised Dissection drinks, Halloween Party, Christmas Ball, Garden Party, Club Nights
- Initiated and ran the MedSoc Lecture Series
- Hertford ball committee member
- Osler Peer Supporter

If you vote for me, as a committed, active, experienced member of the year, I will endeavour to ensure a more financially secure, fun and continually improving Osler House!