

# Vote Divya for JCR Ethnic Minorities Officer

**Hi - I'm Divya, a second year medic and I'm running for JCR Ethnic Minorities Officer!**



## Why vote for me?

I'm passionate about Newnham and Culture...so what better way to combine the two! I'm enthusiastic and approachable and so feel I would do a good job in representing the view of ethnic minority students in college and passing this onto future students who are considering applying to Newnham .

Last year I was on the Committee for Mastana, the largest Asian Cultural Show in East Anglia and it was an amazing experience working with so many talented people from various cultural backgrounds in the *University* and this year I would like to work to enhance the cultural awareness within our *College*.

This has also given me links to many of the cultural societies (e.g India Society, Sri Lankan Society) and I hope to use these contacts to bring about exciting social events.

## Experience

Currently I'm on the MedSin Global Health Conference Team and we are organising a national conference for medical students so this has given me experience of working in a team as well as learning how to plan and co-ordinate large-scale events.

I was Assistant Head Girl at school and this has given me the confidence to liaise both with staff and students, so it will be useful experience for liaising with College Admissions staff and CUSU.

I was a member of a professional Indian classical dancing and drama group and this has enhanced my love for Indian dancing and culture.

I also play Badminton for Newnham but being on the JCR would give me another chance to get even more involved in College life.

## My Plans

I would like to organise foreign cooking sessions on a fortnightly basis in one of our kitchens. As we have so many students of various nationalities, it would be a shame not to use their expertise in cooking to enhance others awareness and ability to diversify their culinary skills! So I've spoken to a few people who would love to share their curry or sushi making skills with the rest of us....

There are always many cultural events taking place every weekend but it's so easy not to hear about it, so I think it would be a great idea to have a small section in the weekly email about the various events that are run by the different cultural societies.

To carry on with film nights in Saunders Room but to have a wider selection of movies selected – foreign movies from all over the world! Collaborate with the MCR and also JCR International Officer to make events bigger and better!!!!

**So PLEASE vote for me!**