My priority will be to ensure that King’s is committed to providing affordable accommodation for students. Hampstead Residence is the only halls which costs less than £5000 for the standard 40 week contract, and with doubts concerning its long term future, King’s residences are quickly becoming an unaffordable option for the majority of students. Furthermore, fees in all King’s residences (not including those in collaboration with third party providers) have risen by over £300 from 2012/13. This is not fair – halls should be for everyone, not just the privileged few. I shall demand answers from the university as to why their accommodation is increasingly disadvantaging less wealthy students, and fight for them to lower prices or provide cheaper alternatives.

As a resident assistant at Hampstead Residence, I am well placed to listen to students’ concerns in halls. A lack of appropriate social spaces during quiet hours, expensive laundry costs, and extortionate deposits are some of the things you’re not happy with. I will liaise with residence managers to ensure that there are sufficient and hospitable noise room facilities on all residences, that students aren’t spending excessive amounts on often shoddy laundry facilities, and drive deposit fees back to the £200—the value it was two years ago.

It is also important that there is integration, and a healthy rivalry, between King’s residences. This is why I will help organise and promote inter-residence events, building on the success of previous ones like the inter-residence sports days and football tournaments.

If these aren’t reasons enough to vote for Jamie Sweeney to be your Halls Officer then, as a third year philosophy student, I shall quote Plato to gain your vote: “Until philosophers are student council officers.....then only will this, our university, have a possibility of life and behold the light of day.”

VOTE SWEENEY FOR HALLS OFFICER