

Academic Rep

Despite the description of academic rep as a 'low-key position', I feel that it is in fact quite an important role. One of the most important aspects of Oxford Medical School is the teaching that goes on within it. Although we are asked to occasionally fill out feedback forms regarding our satisfaction with the course, there is little sense that our opinions are actually taken seriously.

There are several aspects of the course that I think could be improved:

- The quality of lecture notes for certain lectures (and the relevance of the content in some lectures)
- The reading lists that are provided- in many cases the best recommendations come from students in the years above. I would seek to compile reading lists for both the first and second years based on student recommendations so that they are actually useful.
- Providing more opportunities for students to meet with medical professionals in order to increase our knowledge of medicine in a wider context.
- Introduce revision groups for specific subjects allowing students to discuss particular topics they are finding difficult with a lecturer or past student
- Ensuring that the admissions process into clinical school is made transparent. I would organize an event in which past students currently at clinical school could come to give their honest opinions on the pros and cons of each of the clinical schools associated with Oxford Pre-clinical Medical School.

Above all I think it is important that the student body has a representative who not only raises points but will follow this with action. I feel that I would be suitable for the role as I am both approachable and determined to ensure that we are fully satisfied with the academic aspects of the course.



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