

Manifesto : Kat Lund

The three things that stand for Digby Stuart College are : Collegiality, Passion and Community. If you decide to elect me into the position of Digby Stuart President then these will *never* die.

A little about me first. You've probably seen me around the campus or at the Bop or at the Grand and maybe even the Fez, I'm not hard to miss and I'm always willing to help anyone regardless of having spoken to them before. I'm currently a third year student, continuing on for a fourth year after changing my course from a combined honours in Social Anthropology and Classical Civilisation to a single honours degree in Classical Civilisation. One of the roles of the President is to manage and organise the flat reps on their college, and to chair the flat rep meetings. I have the experience already of being a Floor Rep and this, I think, gives me an edge to helping all of you future Floor Reps in whatever problems you might face. I sit on the Library Committee and voice our opinions on how the library should be improved for us which gives me a good start in knowing how to talk to those higher up in the Roehampton University staff.

Collegiality is central to representing what Digby Stuart is, was and will always be and I know that I can continue this up until the day I leave. The rumour mill at Roehampton is in overdrive constantly, no more so than now and this is something I'm well aware of but I don't think the changes proposed have to be huge and intimidating which will diminish what we have and what we are. I know that every single student in Digby Stuart loves their college whether it's the people they live with, the halls they live in or the infamous Frigby tournament and this is integral to what makes us Digby. It's something that won't change no matter what and I know that if you choose to elect me as the representative for every student affiliated with Digby I won't let anything change our sense of who we are.

Passion. Sometimes such a powerful word doesn't seem to come close to what we all feel for Digby. Not a lot can rival it either and you only have to be on the bus to the Grand to hear the cries of "*I'm Digby Till I Die !*" completely drown out any other chanting to know that passion is something we do better than anyone else. With all the changes that are taking place (that are happening university wide) which I know a lot of students are worried about, I would just like to lay those fears to rest. I plan on making the transition from the Digby we know now to the new Digby as easy as possible. Working with the Social Secretary closely to continue on the College nights and make them the best possible, as we've had this year thanks to Harry.

Our sense of Community is one of the strongest I've experienced throughout the entire university and even at other universities in the UK. The fact that everyone living on site is so close to each other helps build a real sense of community for people who might not otherwise talk to each other. We have the greatest diversity of students doing the widest spectrum of courses and that makes a for a wonderful environment to live in. Whether living on Digby, Mount Clare, at home or off site each group of students needs a strong voice to get their points across and I know I can do this for all of you. I plan to keep the old traditions of Digby going and work them into the new developing university system so we don't lose what we love.

I know that I can represent Digby Stuart College with the passion needed to make the RSU and those higher up in Roehampton University listen to us and not ignore us. I speak my mind, I'm honest and I try my hardest for everyone who needs me to regardless of my personal opinion. Your new President has to be the mouthpiece for what you want from your college and I want you to know that if you elect me no one will ignore what you want to say.