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# TO MY FELLOW DIGBY STUART FRIENDS,

The campus that we all love, and adore, is facing severe changes in the coming academic year. We are losing our beloved Belfry Bar, the comfort of Brenda and Tracy's Cafe, and we are also witnessing the move of our Student Union from our campus. Change is eminent, and I want to make sure that next year, Digby Stuart changes for the better.

I am currently a second year English Literature student, and was elected into the student union this year as your Event's officer. I have maintained an active role in the SU have been involved with a number of campaigns: the NUS battle against the rise of tuition fees, Saving Brenda and Tracey's, and getting student to vote for elections, are some examples.

As a member of the Roehampton Player, and the Woman's chamber choir, I have an understanding of the importance of societies within the university experience. As many of you may already know, next year the 'schools' system will be eradicated, and 'departments' will take their places. On an academic level, I would like to start a dialogue between the departments, and create relevant student committees in association with them. I would also like the opportunity to work closely with the Societies President in raising awareness, and supporting student societies as much as possible.

Also in accordance with the university's efforts to become more environmentally conscious, I am holding a green campaign – similar to my campaign last year, I will not be printing endless posters. I would like students to see this as a reflection of the way I hope to move Digby Stuart forward: breaking away from the norm, and finding a creative solution and alternative together. Hopefully you will soon start to notice yellow and blue ribbons around campus with my name on them. I would like to see students taking these Ribbons and wearing them, as a symbol of their support. Digby Stuart is changing, but I would like these ribbons to remind us, that the strong sense of belonging and community, that I'm sure many of us feel, will never change.

Because of the lack of visual posters, I'm hoping that students will spread my campaign verbally. This is what I feel gives Digby that sense of community: the interaction we all have with one another. Next year, I hope to re-assess what makes Digby Stuart, as we will no longer have our trade-marks, and strive for a new identity, while still maintaining our intimate community atmosphere.

As far as I am aware, there has not been a female in the position of Digby DP for over a decade, it would be nice to see a break in this pattern, and I hope to be the one to do so. I am dedicated, hard-working and head-strong, I would like to be your Digby Stuart college president, and the representative of your voices.

Thanks, and look out for those ribbons!!

*Roxie*