Vote for Frances Ballaster Harriss to be your student representative for Humanities and Social Sciences!

Hi, I’m Frances and I’m a third-year student at Homerton College studying Human, Social and Political Sciences, specialising in Social Anthropology.

Some of us may be inclined to rush the feedback forms in our lectures or shy away from complaining about a disorganised supervisor to our Director of Studies. I am running for the position of student representative because I want to change this and make it my priority that the voice of every student is heard and that every student feels comfortable in voicing their opinion.

Proposals:

- Ensure that the Humanities and Social Sciences remain **fully integrated**. One of the great benefits of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences is the option we have to take papers from other disciplines. I want to make sure that every student continues to have this option, particularly with the arrival of the new Triposes like Archaeology and History and Politics. I want to make sure that every student in Second and Third Year has the option of taking a paper from another discipline, to ensure breadth of knowledge. It is also crucial that students do not feel as if it would be a ‘risk’, for their end-of-year results, in choosing this option.

- Initiate a discussion as to whether there can be the option for a **mini-dissertation style research project in second year**, like that currently in place for History so that the dissertation style of planning, organising and writing is less alien when approached in the third year. Some subjects are seeing fewer and fewer people taking dissertations, which I believe is partly due to people being put off due to lack of experience.

- I want to work with Faculty Reps and the CUSU Education Officer to ensure that every student, at the very least, receives the **required amount of supervisions for their paper each term**. It should not be the job of students to continuously chase up supervisors to find someone to talk to about their work.

I promise to be fair, approachable and proactive in this role and will continuously communicate with faculty reps in the Humanities and Social Sciences so that the diversity of our School remains its greatest asset.