

My name is Alexa Belsham and I am a second year Engineering student. My main aims as an Undergraduate member of the Technology Council would be to improve the integration between Faculties within the Technology School, prioritise projects aimed at increasing the number of successful applications from state (especially non-selective state) schools to the university and to improve diversity of all forms within the School. As a result of the changes to A levels brought in by the current government, the university is introducing further tests to the undergraduate application process. I want to help ensure that these do not put students off applying to the university and that they are a fair means of testing applicants from all backgrounds. Diversity within Technology disciplines has long been an issue and I believe that the best way to address this is for the Faculties to continue to provide more outreach schemes aimed at giving children a better understanding of what each discipline entails and how enjoyable a technology career can be. Before starting university, I worked in an engineering company for a year and as a part of this completed a qualification awarded by the Chartered Management Institute. I gained an understanding of organisational structure, decision making processes and how to listen to the views of the members of an organisation. This knowledge and my experience communicating with a wide variety of people would help me achieve my aims for the Council and to listen to the opinions of the student body and ensure that your views are also put forward.