

Hello boys and girls of medicine,

My name is Olivia (the girl that said “I don't deserve your floor” to Simon Cowell in INTRO week!). I would love to carry on the great job Saba has done and become your LUSUMA Graduate and Mature student Rep for the coming year.

I see the role of grad rep as:

- Being a voice for graduates from all years (both of 4 and 5 year courses) on LUSUMA
- Making next years cohort of graduates and mature students feel welcome and settled starting at Leicester
- Ensuring integration of graduates from different years, but also making sure graduates merge with undergraduates (particularly important as there is now no graduate course)

Additional to representing graduates, I pledge to:

- Run **Chem week** – organising daytime (academic) events and evening social events
- Plan other **graduate specific events** for example the graduate Christmas meal and graduate socials throughout the year – providing opportunities for graduates from different years to integrate (e.g. A “family reunion social” at the start of second term, get all the grad families to meet up all together)
- Make sure graduates feel engaged and able to attend other LUSUMA events – ensuring that graduates merge and mingle with the undergraduates
- Attempt to gain access for graduate medics to the **post graduate study area** in the Library
- Be a **point of contact** on LUSUMA for graduate and mature students, dealing with any concerns/ worries
- Gather opinions on whether the role of grad rep should remain, or whether grads should be encouraged to take other roles on LUSUMA
- Be a friendly and approachable presence, particularly in INTRO and OUTRO week
- Go beyond the specific role and **help other members of the LUSUMA** committee should they need it

I have previous experience in event planning and being a voice for students, as part of my role as Cheerleading Vice-Captain during my previous degree. Starting med school as a graduate (and/or mature student) is a scary prospect, so I want to do my upmost to make people feel supported and involved. I am committed and confident, and would love the opportunity to be LUSUMA’s Grad and Mature student rep next year.



Me pretending to be on LUSUMA

Me pretending to be classy

