Katie Stapleton – Stage Managers' Rep Application

About me:

My name is Katie and I'm a second year engineer at Pembroke. I'd really like to be Stage Managers' Rep (SM Rep) to support new people who try out the role, and of course manage and update the prop store!



Relevant Experience:

I have been on CUADC committee this year and would love to be in a role that has a more direct impact on the freshers plays and supporting people in technical theatre. I have been stage manager for a range of shows across cast sizes, time slots and technical complexity so believe that I am prepared for this role.

My ideas for the role:

- SM training teaches you the compulsory steps for SMing a show, but I would love to create a workshop where people can share practical show week advice / how they have approached certain challenges successfully in the past, which may help a future SM team
- Provide an entry point into taking on SM responsibilities by encouraging ASM roles to be no experience required. As part of being the co-stage manager for Panto this year, I coordinated a show crew of 40 people to help out across the 2 week run, over half of whom had never ASM'd before or some even been backstage at the ADC! Stage management is a great gateway into backstage theatre and the more the merrier!
- Props and the environment; make a group chat of all the SMs for that term so that props can be reused rather than thrown away as much as possible.