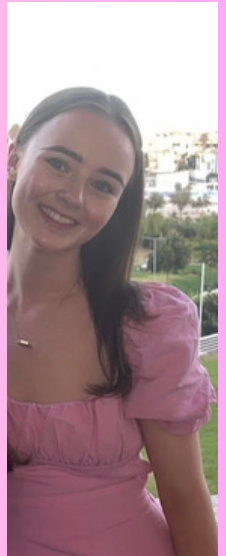


Mia Taylor

JCR Secretary

Who am I?

Hello! My name is Mia Taylor and I come from County Mayo. I am studying biomedical science. I have found halls to be a home away from home and had the time of my life this year getting to experience life in Dublin. Whether it's prinks before a JCR club night or popping over to another flat for a cup of tea, I feel halls has been the perfect way to get to know so many new people and made the transition of moving to a new city so much less daunting. I hope to be part of the JCR next year to help make the adjustment as easy as possible for new first years and make sure they have as memorable a year in halls as I have!



Experience

- **Admin Experience-** Every summer since I was 14 has been spent in an office doing general office administration including collection and collation of timesheet information, compiling a filing system, liaison with accounts and finance, and working as a receptionist. Sounds boring, I know! But I actually enjoy the admin side of things and making sure everything runs smoothly behind the scenes. This has definitely prepared me for being able to take minutes in weekly meetings and answering any emails and questions that residents may have.
- **Student council-** I was previously elected by my classmates to represent our class and participate in the planning of events organised by students throughout the year.
- **Debs and JCR ents committee-** I was voted by my classmates onto the school debs committee when I was in leaving cert and I helped in organising the debs. I sorted what company to go with by getting quotations and the best perks from each company and different hotels, and also played a major role in the fundraising throughout the year. I was also a part of the JCR ents committee this year and had an insight into the behind the scenes work that goes into organising the monthly club nights. I feel these experiences will help me to plan an amazing hall ball!

- **Summer Camp Leader-** I was responsible for organising and implementing multiple dance routines for various groups of up to 40 children. This helped to develop my leadership and communication skills and also gave me an opportunity to work as part of a large team.

What I hope to achieve

- **Deposit Return Scheme:** I know that it is undoubtedly awkward to drag your empty bottles back to Rathmines or Ranelagh, but I think it should be encouraged for next year's first years. As we all know, every penny adds up! Not only would it help with sustainability and recycling, but I believe it could be used as an opportunity to meet new people. A group activity, every couple of weeks, where I could team up with the future sports officer to encourage a short walk for students to bring back their empty bottles to Rathmines would also offer a social opportunity to meet new people. It would be a great way for first years to make new friends, as well as making back some money.
- **Freshers fair:** I aim to organise a bustling freshers fair with as many societies as possible. I would encourage societies to give out more sustainable merchandise such as tote bags and reusable coffee cups, etc.
- **Study sessions:** Group study sessions closer to exams in collaboration with the welfare team. With 22 members between JCR and the Welfare team, and a whole range of different courses, I feel everyone could come together to give help to first years struggling with certain modules. I think "Drop in" sessions for certain subjects in Oldham or the canteen could definitely benefit first years as they make the overwhelming leap from secondary school to college style of work.
- **Transport:** Part of the role of secretary is to organise buses for JCR nights out. However, there is little liaison between the JCR and residents on how they get home. I think that a group walk to the No. 15 bus would help save students money as it would be cheaper than taxis. It would also encourage people to make new friends, as I have found the 15 can be one of the most sociable parts of the night! It also ensures no one is walking home alone in the dark and protects the safety of residents.

I hope this manifesto has persuaded you that
a vote for Mia is a great idea!

Thank you