

SAMIR DWESAR (OC 2001 – 2008)

After leaving Caterham in 2008, I went to the University of Bristol where I read Politics and French and then spent two fantastic years in the Champagne region of France teaching English.

On my return to the UK, I decided to pursue a career in politics/public affairs. I worked in Parliament for two and a half years as a parliamentary assistant to an MP and Government Minister, and am now working as a public affairs associate for KPMG, focusing on the firm's social mobility work. In this period, I have worked on several election campaigns, run for local council and was a campaign manager in the EU referendum.

I decided to put my name forward to be the OCA's next Vice President because I believe I can make an effective contribution to the committee and the wider school community. Caterham taught me the value of public service, and I am keen to continue giving back to the school and its special community.

I have enjoyed serving on the OCA committee for the past year and since leaving Caterham, I have been fortunate to attend numerous events, speak to A-level politics students and participate in a Careers Convention. I hope to do much more in the next 12 months as Vice President– be it getting more people to events, putting together a strong programme for the year, helping to organise my year group's ten year reunion and supporting Old Cats interested in my field of work.

Caterham gave me lifelong friendships and got me to where I am today. It will always hold a special place in my heart, and I therefore very much hope I have the opportunity to serve as the OCA's next Vice President.