



ADAM SUSHAMES

Q1. Tell us a little bit about yourself. Who you are, what drives you, makes you happy, inspires you etc?

I have attended Ōtūmoetai College since Year 9, and prior to that, Ōtūmoetai Intermediate. Many moons ago, I was a student at Katikati Primary School for most of my primary years. I am driven by creativity, and I love working on original projects that involve self-expression through music, film, and drama.

As a people-person, I enjoy spending time with my family and friends, and I'm always open to making new connections :) Most Saturday mornings over the past 18 months, I have volunteered at Tauranga Parkrun. In that time, I have loved getting to know the amazing Parkrun community. (You should come along sometime!)

The thing that inspires me most is being able to bring joy and positivity to others, and I'm always keen for a good Dad joke (much to everyone's annoyance.)

Q2. What are your interests, passions and/or hobbies?

My passions and hobbies primarily lie in the creative arts – particularly music, drama, and filmmaking. I play guitar and bass, do music production, and am a member of a drama club outside of school. In my free time, I create quirky songs and films.

Q3. What are one or two interesting facts about yourself?

I am part of a long legacy of Ōtūmoetai College students. My mum, three of my aunties, and five of my uncles all attended Ōtūmoetai College back in the 80's and 90's. In this generation, my sister and eight of my cousins have also attended our kura. It is an honour to represent the school that has been so significant to my family.

Q4. Why did you apply to be a Head Student in 2026?

I see this role as a great privilege and responsibility; one in which I will do my best to serve and support our school and all its students in whichever ways I can. I want to be a role model and friendly face around the school, and someone anyone can have a chat with.

Q5. What are you most looking forward to in your role as Head Student in 2026?

As a Head Student, I look forward to working alongside the other student leaders to make our school the best it can be. I'm excited to really get to know and represent our diverse student body, and meet as many new people as possible.

Q6. What goals / aspirations do you have as a Head Student in 2026?

I aspire to improve our school's support systems, fostering a sense of belonging and unity amongst our school whānau. My goal is for all students to take pride in who they are, and to feel that they are part of our Ōtūmoetai College community.