

I am running for this Student Union President because I believe student life should feel supportive, affordable and truly enjoyable. During my time in the college, I have seen how many students struggle with the same things: the cost of living and not always knowing where to turn to for support. These struggles should not be a part of student life, and as a President, I would focus on making a real change, especially in these areas.

I believe I am a strong candidate for this role because I am approachable and resilient. At my place of work, I regularly interact with different people, handle responsibilities in busy environments, and work efficiently under pressure. This has improved my ability to communicate effectively and means that I will provide strong support to students. Furthermore, I have trained new staff, enhancing my leadership skills through guiding them to work independently. Through this and my time in college, I have strengthened my organisational and confidence skills, which will help me manage my tasks as President to a high standard. My volunteering has also made me a dependable person that works well in a team, which has made me more reliable. Overall, these experiences have made me capable of working well with others, taking initiative, and being committed to improving student life in the college. I believe this makes me well-suited to represent students and handle the challenges of this role.

One of my main priorities is mental health and wellbeing. I would like to run workshops focused on coping with stress, anxiety and burnout, giving students practical ways to cope, especially during exam season. Alongside this, I will organise events to raise money for mental health charities, such as 'Mind', and engage with students to determine what wellbeing activities they would find beneficial.

Another priority of mine is food affordability. I will work to reduce prices in the canteen and panini station so students can access meals without worrying and ensure that cost is not a barrier. No student should have to go through the day being hungry or stressed about money.

My third priority is improving social life for students. With cost of living being a key issue in college, I plan to introduce more affordable activities and trips across departments to ensure that all students, regardless of income, can benefit from new experiences, new connections, and broader horizons.

I will ensure that students are kept informed about what is changing and what progress is being made, so the union is active and transparent. I will encourage all students to provide feedback regarding what changes they would like to see, working to ensure every voice is heard and considered when making decisions within the union.

I am passionate about making meaningful improvements that benefit all students. If elected, I will work to ensure every student feels included and supported and deliver changes that matter.