

MANIFESTO

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ABOUT ME

I have been at Knox for 5 years now, and over this time I have changed massively. I came here terrified for the changes from Primary school and found being an S1 extremely intimidating. My self esteem took a hit during my junior years, and I'm sure many others will relate. This is why I want to help younger students at Knox, and make sure they don't feel so overwhelmed with the new environment.

My confidence grew as I got older and felt more comfortable in the school. This is partly from completing the Duke of Edinburgh award, as the expedition is demanding, both physically and mentally. It took a lot to not give up. As part of this award I had to do some volunteering - I helped out at a dance class and ran a coding club. I was responsible for the children in the club, and while it was completely out of my comfort zone, it pushed me to take charge and I now feel confident in leading a team.

I found exams stressful, especially finding the type of revision that worked for me. It was difficult to plan my time and find the motivation, but I worked hard and pushed myself to get results that I am proud of. I think my work ethic for everything that I do will help me as head pupil as I try my hardest and will put in the effort needed for this role.

I have always cared about others and have wanted to make a difference. I have been a part of the Amnesty club at school which tackles global human rights issues. I had to take part in assemblies for this club, which were daunting, but helped prepare me for this role. I want to help other people and improve Knox for everyone, and I have the skills to listen to people and make sure I am listened to.

WHY AM I SUITED TO THIS ROLE?

- I am a good listener and **approachable**:

I want to hear from other students and will welcome and respect any ideas. I feel as though I am friendly, so students can feel comfortable enough to come to me.

- I am **hard working**:

I will put in the work to achieve my policies. I have always been busy and involved in lots of clubs as well as schoolwork, and now a job.

- I am **determined**:

I am eager to support pupils during the aftermath of the pandemic. I am committed to following through on my ideas. They are realistic yet I think they will make a big impact.

- I have good **communication skills**

In my job I have to engage with lots of different customers, so I have developed good social skills and will be able to connect with others easily.

I believe these skills make me a great choice for head pupil, as I have the ability to carry out the tasks demanded of me, and be a person that people can trust to come to with any problems.

POLICIES

I have 3 policies that I will focus on if I am elected.

1. More recycling bins around the school

Knox is a very environmentally friendly school, with many recycling bins, but I think that there should be plastic recycling in the food court, as that is normally where people eat and drink. It would encourage people to recycle as it would be easier.

2. Tutoring

Some of the most important skills are numeracy and literacy skills. I propose that seniors volunteer during one lunchtime a week, to help out students that teachers think would benefit from it. It would be a relaxed learning experience where younger students would feel able to ask for help on things they found tricky in class, their homework, or anything they need support with.

3. Extracurriculars

Knox has a great amount of after school activities already, but I think we should find out what clubs people feel are missing, and encourage seniors to lead them. This would create more leadership roles, and this type of experience would be greatly beneficial. It would also create more choice of clubs for younger years, which can help confidence and making friends.

These 3 policies are achievable, and I will focus on carrying through all of them.

There will be 5 people on the leadership team, so I think having 3 of my own policies is realistic.

Thanks so much for reading my manifesto, and I really hope you vote for me on **Thursday the 24rd.**