

KACI SMITH

HEAD PUPIL MANIFESTO



HERE'S A LITTLE ABOUT ME

- I am a very **committed** and **goal orientated** person. I have attended Morag Alexander school of dance for 13 years. Within this I am currently working towards an additional higher in.
- I was fortunate enough to be **selected** to attend Oxford university while in 4th and 5th year. This was an **honour** and also shows my **dedication** to my studies and learning journey and also shows that I am not afraid of **hard work** or increasing my workload.
- I would consider myself an **allrounder**, I have been a member of Glee club, the school choir, sung with the fantastic "school band", run a dance lunchtime club, attended yoga, amnesty and dance clubs.
- I have also been an assistant Mini and Midi kickers (junior football) coach at another East Lothian Council school showing my **commitment** to our school and local **community**.

WHY VOTE ME?

The things that I could bring to Knox if selected to be your head pupil:

- I am an extremely happy, **approachable** and **positive** person. I feel that my **enthusiasm** for learning and extra curricular activities would benefit others, as positivity is exactly what everyone **needs right now!**
- I am well **organised** and always ensure that my targets are **achieved**.
- I have **good relationships** with faculty members so would feel **confident** liaising with them about any issues brought to me and I would **champion** everyone's voice - **We Are Knox!**

MY PROPOSALS

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Wider variety of Lunchtime Clubs

We have been isolated from our peers and unable to attend many of the clubs that we used to. Let's see how we can rectify this. I want to enlist as many of my peers as possible to offer lunchtime clubs in a range of subjects. It is time to show off your skills. You are all wonderful and have many talents to share with others. I have already liaised with PE staff and arranged to take the lead in a dance club for all year groups.

Strengthening school-community bonds

Over the past few years, there has been some ill-feelings towards teenagers within our community. Moving forward I would like to make our school the heart of our community. Volunteers for community lunches, being courteous to our elders and lots of positive articles in the local newspaper to highlight what we are doing well. I want to champion our strengths and best qualities to allow others to see us SHINE, not just our teachers and parents.

The Buddy System

We can all agree that our last couple of years at school have been challenging to say the least. I want to try and help eliminate as much stress as possible by easing your burdens. I have decided to launch "The Buddy System". This will be a friendly environment provided to help guide younger pupils through any academic issues that they are having. It is essentially a peer tutoring programme. This is a win, win, win programme as it ensures that younger pupils feel confident in the subject that was problematic for them. It is a great addition to any S6 pupil's CV (always forward thinking) and potentially saves their parents from having to spend additional money on an external tutor. I am certain that my fellow s6 pupils will want to give back to our school as much as I want to. We Are Knox!

Additional "safe space" within school

We already have Base which is wonderful, now my plan is to have an additional "safe space" or even chill out zone for pupils. Sometimes we just need 5 minutes to clear our heads, calm down or relax. This is what our Safe Space would be for. Teachers could give pupils a pass to show that their absence is authorised. Which is likely to increase attendance and mental health within our school.

Visible Food Court menu with prices

This is pretty self explanatory however there is a good reason behind the proposal. This will be the first time many S1 pupils will have had to pay for their own lunch. The price list will elevate stress or tension relating to remaining funds on their cards. This doesn't need to be an expensive endeavor, it could be created in graphic communication or art and design; a simple white board display or even an online bulletin announcement with a price-list.

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