#### Anna Wood - Head Pupil Elections 2022/23: Manifesto

#### Who am I?

Hello, I am Anna Wood. I am motivated and driven. I am a diligent student who works hard to get through difficult situations, listening and understanding the views of others with the sole aim:- to achieve what is needed in order to make myself and others feel like they are heard. Over the past few years, during my time here at Knox Academy, I have been able to identify the strengths of our school but also, and more importantly, the areas we can improve. I will use this knowledge effectively, making decisions, which champions your voice, to benefit everyone here at Knox Academy. Using your support and my desire for an improved Knox Academy, I believe I will represent our community with strength and integrity.





### What qualities would I bring to the role?

- I am honest
- I work hard for topics I feel passionate about.
- I am willing to listen to everyone and their opinions no matter how small or big they may be.
- I communicate well with others.
- I work hard to build a good relationship with others around me.

Why should you vote for me? I think through my ideas and make sure they are thought through. If I execute something I will make sure that it can be as successful and long lasting as possible. I want to make it clear to all students at Knox that they have a voice and that I am willing to work with them in order to get what they are passionate about across the school.

No matter who you are, I value your ideas and opinions and I want to listen to them. That is why you should vote for me.



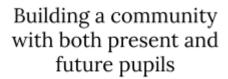
## **My Policies**

Giving Pupils a voice

Aiding the Environment



Supporting Mental Health



Encouraging creativity

Improving the back of the school



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#### Giving Pupils a voice

If I were to be elected I want to hear everyone's opinions, no matter what year group they come from or how influential you feel you might be. I will take all of these into account when making any decisions. I would do this through a number of ways. Firstly through polls such as doodle polls, where people would respond to different questions, this would give me as well as the other head pupils a transparent and clear answers of what people in the school want.

If people at the school are all being listened to and taken into consideration, this will make Knox Academy a more fair and equal place.

Aiding the Environment
I believe that overall it is very important that
people at Knox are environmentally aware and do
their part to protect the ecosystem.
Due to covid, our school has lost a lot of its eco
awareness including eco committee and losing
our eco flag which has unfortunately expired. If I
were to be elected as Head Pupil I would work to
reopen the eco committee, by getting a group of
people together to help gain our eco flag back
and overall make our school more

environmentally friendly by introducing eco

activities, challenges and goals.

Supporting Mental Health
I believe that mental health is one of the most necessary topics that is talked about at Knox academy. With the stress and work that is needed in all of our subjects it is essential that all students at Knox feel like they have help and support when it comes to their mental health. This is why I made it one of my policies.
I would do this by making people aware of mental health itself, how they can help their own and what Knox does to support their mental health. I would do this through assemblies.
I would also introduce more activities that have proven to improve mental health.

# Building a relationship between present and future pupils of Knox.

Although it is an important topic the relationship between Knox academy and the primary schools aren't talked about often. If I were elected I would work to create a stronger bond between our community and all the primary schools. This includes *all* primary schools that join with Knox. I would do this by holding various events with the primary schools such as getting them involved with the green team and educating them on the environment, sports day events etc. If we were to do this not only would it make Haddington more of a community but it would also make transitioning for future pupils at Knox easier as they will have already experienced the school.

#### **Encouraging Creativity**

I believe that, at knox expressing creativity and joy around a certain topic that they love is essential to creating a happy community.

If we were to increase the variety of clubs at Knox this would be achieved. People wouldn't have to be restricted with the amount of subjects the school has available as they can help create or join a club that surrounds a topic they enjoy.

To make this easier for pupils to do I would start assigning either a teacher or a s6 pupil as leaders of a club and they could help organise and spread information about their club as possible, this would make it easier for the clubs to stay consistent and enjoyable.

Not only would this make school more fun for pupils but it will also creates more opportunity at Knox as new interests can be discovered.

Improving the back of the school Especially now that it is the summer time, we are being encouraged to sit outside.

However although we have a wide space outside there aren't a lot of designated spaces that people can go to to sit, eat their lunch etc.

This is why if I were to be elected I would work to make a more comfortable place for people to go when they are outside. I would do this by creating opportunities to raise money such as bake sales, quiz nights etc, where the school can raise money to buy benches, picnic blankets for the outside of the school.

This would allow more people to sit outside for break, lunch and free periods.