



HEAD PUPILS
2025/2026

KNOX ACADEMY

VOTE

LUKE MERCER

ABOUT ME:After spending over 5 years at Knox Academy, I've been inspired to volunteer with PoppyScotland, represent the school in rugby and XC and compete for Team East Lothian's endurance squad. I also recently started being an S6 buddy. Taking part in these activities has helped me hone skills I feel are necessary to make a strong head pupil, such as: discipline, communication, ambition and patience. Another large part of my life is work. At 14 I began delivering newspapers 6 days per week requiring early starts in all weathers. I retained this job for almost 2 years before working in a food truck and also in retail at Fort Kinnaird. By being able to balance school, work and training you can be assured I can manage the role of Head Pupil well.

MY POLICIES

- GREATER TRANSPARENCY
- NEW METHODS OF FUNDRAISING
- OPEN MIC NIGHT
- REMOVING THE ONE WAY SYSTEM



GREATER TRANSPARENCY
If I get elected as Head Pupil, I will set up a Pupil Leadership Team social media page. On this platform school staff and students will be able to see what the team is accomplishing on a weekly basis. This initiative takes inspiration from

Miss Cook's weekly updates which are instrumental to making sure pupils' achievements are recognised, and any initiatives the school is taking are widely known.

NEW METHODS OF FUNDRAISING

Fundraising is an important part of keeping our school community going. The same methods have been repeated many times and I feel it is time for a fresh approach. The success of the EMF 10km run that staff and S6 pupils compete in is inspiring. I would propose more sponsored runs, cycles and swims to encourage a more healthy lifestyle and help charities.

OPEN MIC NIGHT

Open mic nights are an interesting and fun way to increase the community spirit, and also bring funds in for the school. These nights will give pupils the opportunity to showcase the previously overlooked talents they have to the public. The tickets would be fairly priced and all the money would be reinvested back into the school to help support performers that often go unnoticed, such as comedians and magicians.

REMOVING THE ONE WAY SYSTEM

I propose to remove the one-way system during break and lunchtime. Currently, this takes up precious time our teachers could spend elsewhere rather than directing foot traffic. It is also a hassle for the students. I feel the threat of students skipping lunch queues could be better managed through the use of school prefects

Thank you for taking the time to read my manifesto,

VOTE LUKE.

