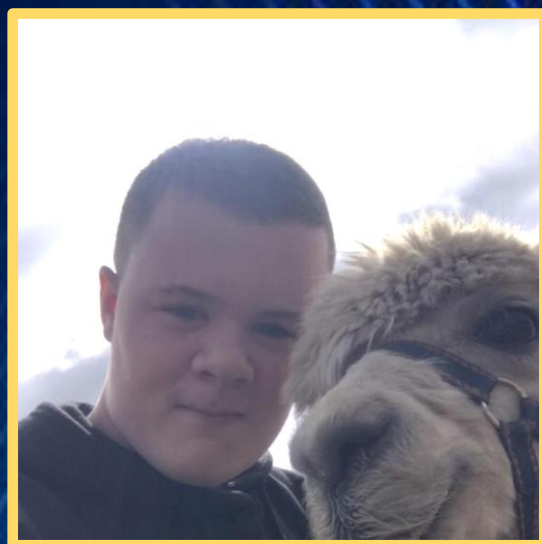


RUARIDH MORRISON

HEAD PUPIL MANIFESTO



Ambition | **Respect** | **Community**



About me:

Knox Academy has been and will forever be the one place that gave me a sense of hope and potential in my abilities. Since walking through those front doors for the first time as a first year, the overwhelming sense of welcoming and togetherness of the teaching staff and their peers has astounded me in ways impossible to imagine. Not only have I gained intel about future opportunities and furthered my expertise in many educational areas, I have participated in so many useful courses and experiences to train skills that will last a lifetime. School gave me a sense of belonging and confidence I never knew I even had, and that is why if I am chosen to be your head pupil, the role will be taken with much grace and hard work along the way. There would also be a few chances for me to 'take control', in which I have multiple ideas to strengthen each of our school values. These include keeping a closer eye on mental health and stepping up to talk about it, creating more extracurricular activities and lunchtime committees/clubs, and bringing the school closer together to work more as a team rather than singular outfits.

What could I bring to the role?

Those who know me personally understand that I am a very good people person and take everyone's feelings into account before reaching a final decision, which is a very handy skill to have as a potential head pupil as everyones opinion matters. I can however also bring to the role many obscure skills, such as working with younger children and having a high understanding of how to deal with young teenagers with neurodiverse struggles such as autism, attention deficit disorder, and many more. I feel as though this is also a useful skill

MORE FOCUS ON COMMITTEES/SPORTS CLUBS

As those of you who have attended the school for long enough now know, there hasn't been many school sports teams, including football, since the start of the coronavirus pandemic. This has meant many pupils miss out on the sport they love and have been missing out on such for nearly 4 years. This is why if I am elected, one of my main focuses will be promoting these sides, and recruiting players/coaching staff for each curricular sport that you fellow pupils wish to mold together a squad for

HAVE MORE PUPILS INVOLVED IN VOLUNTEERING

As we all know, our school is situated in a town that enriches and prides itself on one aspect: its community. Haddington would not survive without the hundreds if not few thousands of volunteers that give up their mornings, afternoons and evenings to help out those who need such aid. Volunteering may be hard work, but it pays back in way more ways than just money. Speaking from experience, being a volunteer is far from being about any kind of cash endorsement that may be involved, but it is more about seeing your fellow townspeople with a smile on their face, knowing that you provided for them. Which is why I believe that we, as a school, should embrace our town's rich culture and become more endorsed in the volunteering world. Helping our community can range from sports coaching to even gardening. It can even reach as far as your CV for your own job applications. Remember, helping is the best thing you can do for nothing.

