

Hi, my name's Ewa Balogun, and I'm a current year 12 student studying hoping to pursue a career in law.

I'm applying to be Lead Student because I strongly believe that our school can be a place where everyone feels supported and has opportunities to develop for future roles. I believe the role is about creating positive change, not just for sixth form, but for the whole school, and helping students feel part of a secure community.

One of my main aims would be to host a variety of events that bring people together and give back to our community. I'd like to introduce things that could become traditions such as school wide culture days, art showcases, talent shows, charity auctions, and summer fairs. I think even small things like mornings during exam season could make a real difference, giving students a chance to de-stress and feel encouraged. I also want to create socials for different year groups — like Year 11 preview socials and lower school disco evenings to act as friendship building events, so that everyone feels part of a supportive community.

A big part of this would be building on the work I've already done as head of our Interact team. I'm proud of what we've achieved so far, such as running a shoebox drive that helped local charities and organising an Easter egg raffle that raised over £1,000, thanks to a signed Welsh rugby shirt I sourced as a prize. My plan involves developing the Interact into a proper events committee that works alongside the sixth form leadership team. That way, the money we raise can go not only to charities but also towards school improvements, like comfier furniture in the sixth form canteen, better games, and refurbished spaces we all use.

Another focus for me is creating opportunities for sixth formers that are low effort but high reward in terms of developing skills to boost University applications and CVs. I understand that we're all busy, so I want to offer chances for sixth formers to make a positive impact without it feeling overwhelming. This could include helping out in GCSE classes as mentors or assistants, supporting younger students through buddy systems, or joining in with small events that don't take much time but make a real difference, like running taster sessions for Year 9, helping at Year 10 or 11 revision clubs, or being part of wellbeing initiatives. These kinds of activities not only help others but also give us valuable experience to take forward.

Over my time at Whitchurch, I've contributed to the school through mentoring, assisting in numerous subject classes, volunteering with Ty Calon, leading charity projects, and representing the school in competitions. I believe I've shown that I'm extremely reliable, passionate, and ready to take on responsibility. As Lead Student, I'd bring energy, commitment, and a real focus on making sure everyone has the chance to get involved in a way that works for them.

Thank you so much and remember Vote Ewa!