

My name is Georgia Holmes, and I have been a pupil in Whitchurch High School since Year 7. I am studying all the sciences and Maths. I love playing football and netball both in and out of school and socialising with my friends. I believe that I will get along well with everyone consistently allow meaningful change to occur over the coming year.

I would like to be considered for the role of lead student in order to help improve the school community and make a positive difference. I also believe that, if given the opportunity to take on this role, it would allow me to further develop my leadership skills, build confidence and gain experience for the future. I wish to help other students feel heard, supported and included through all aspects of school life and allow everyone to have the opportunity to express their thoughts and opinions.

One of the main aspects I would hope to focus on in this role would be to increase participation in girls' sports. I have represented the school for both the football and netball team since year 7 and have noticed the drastic decrease in girls eager to be a part of extracurricular activities, especially sports. I feel this is important as participation in sport carries many benefits such as social interaction, physical and mental wellbeing, team building and general individual confidence.

Another aspect of school life I would like to engage with is mental health support particularly leading up to and during the exam period. Although I know that there are safe spaces in which students can freely go to express their emotions, I am also aware that many may find it difficult to reach out to pastoral in search of support. I would wish to achieve some way in allowing students to feel more comfortable to express their feelings without keeping it to themselves and becoming overwhelmed and incapable of reaching their full potential.

I would also like to achieve a more inclusive student voice scheme as personally I have noticed that form representatives very rarely have the opportunity to gather their fellow students' true queries and ideas. Many students may feel awkward speaking up in front of the class and presenting their thoughts. This would enable individual students to raise issues that are important to them allowing them to be more invested in school life.

Alongside these I also think it is important to organise many socials and events to help bring the year groups together. Holding events like this will help everyone feel more involved in school community and give the students the chance to socialise with their peers and form new friendships. I believe this is a key aspect of school life.

I think you should vote for me because I will be committed and hardworking as Lead Student. I will also be approachable and supportive to everyone and embrace your specific ideas for improving different aspects of school life. I am aware that we are a diverse community, and we need to strive to make everyone feel a part of that community by embracing and celebrating our differences. But above all, I will arrange the best socials that will make our remaining time at Whitchurch High School the most memorable.