

My name is Lola James, and I am currently studying 4 A-Level subjects: Mathematics, Biology, Business studies and Advanced Skills. I am running for the position of lead student because I want our ideas as students to be heard, and to make further improvements across Whitchurch High School. If I were to be successful in becoming part of the Sixth Form Leadership Team, I would prioritise developments that reflect the needs of students. Throughout this statement I will outline the key areas that I would like to develop within our school, in hope to create a more positive and welcoming experience for students.

I believe students should be more actively involved in charity events held at Whitchurch High School, so we can reach our maximum potential of raising money for the chosen charities. By using our social media page and the sixth form notice board we can raise greater awareness of the charities we support. This will enhance all student's knowledge towards the charities the school will be raising money and help them understand the impact of their contributions. If elected, I would like to organise more interactive charity events that encourage the participation of both students and teachers. If our charity events involved more physical activities, it will encourage student involvement therefore leading to more donations being raised. Activities like an optional fun run on the school field or a sports tournament will interest students into participating and overall, more money will be raised.

By using my communication and organisation skills I hope to organise more sixth form socials throughout the school year. The reason for this is that socials allow us as students to interact with each other in a friendly environment, whilst encouraging those who feel isolated or shy around their peers to feel more comfortable. For those who do not like loud environments and therefore, would not attend school socials, alternatives can be introduced to allow people to make friends throughout the year. These could include after school or lunch time sessions which involve get to know activities and interactive games.

Improvements to the school toilets are essential to ensure the privacy, safety and comfort of all students. Many pupils feel uncomfortable using the current facilities, and I believe by upgrading them would have a positive impact on overall wellbeing at Whitchurch High School. One of my priorities is to implement new locks on all cubicle doors to increase students' privacy. I would also like to ensure hand sanitizer and paper towels are accessible in our school toilets for pupils to use once washing their hands, as it will make a positive impact on our hygiene in school. This is because my friends and I express how we don't like to use the hand dryers in the school toilets due to the levels of germs that they spread. This will provide a clean option for drying hands and reduce the spread of bacteria as well as noise.

Thank you for taking the time to read my statement, I hope you can agree with my ideas of making Whitchurch High School better for us as students and therefore, consider voting me as your lead student.