

## **Why should you vote for me as Lead Student?**

It's a lot of reasons to fit into 500-words.

I want to represent you – to ensure your voice is heard and your opinions are considered. Our sixth form is a truly diverse community, and it's important to me that everyone feels included and valued. I want to use this opportunity to make meaningful change, ensure inclusion, and build a stronger Sixth Form community.

I want to make our school and our common room a more welcoming and enjoyable environment. That includes bringing back the beloved ping-pong table, adding games to the common room, and increasing the amount of greenery around the school. The common room is the hub of our community, so it is important that it is a space made for us, the students.

Academically, I believe we can benefit from more heuristic support in choosing GCSEs, A-Levels, and post-18 options. By encouraging a more pathway-based approach, I plan to emphasise the routes different subjects can take you, showing the real-world paths you can take, rather than isolated, abstract academic choices.

If I were elected Lead Student, I would ensure we increase the number and variety of Sixth Form events. This will help to build a more inclusive and engaging community, where everyone can find events they enjoy. This could include table tennis tournaments, pyjama days, and quizzes, as well as ensuring we have another culture day next year.

I'm also very passionate about introducing First Aid training into Wellbeing lessons, learning essential skills such as CPR and the recovery position. I want students to feel confident and capable in emergencies, not helpless. From personal experience, I know that, while it's a serious topic, learning First Aid can be enjoyable – especially when creating practice scenarios.

I believe that I would be an excellent Lead Student due to an array of skills, qualities, and experiences. I've consistently been a member of our school council, so I understand what it takes to speak for our year group. As a Peer Mentor in the school, I have developed strong listening and problem-solving skills, meaning I am capable of listening to your ideas and working out how to make them happen. I have participated in events such as Open Days, talking to students and parents alike, and proven my skills in public speaking through advocating in a debate for the Welfare State. Outside of school, I am a member of the Army Cadets, which has developed my teamworking and leadership skills along with learning how to navigate difficult and stressful situations.

Why should you vote for me as your Lead Student?

Now you know why. Vote for me if you want a representative dedicated to making our common room better, our decisions more supported, for more events, for invaluable skills, and a Lead Student dedicated to the school and our sixth Form.

**Vote for Thea Smith as your Lead Student and make this last year the best one yet.**