

KAYLA ELLINGTON (STUDENT OFFICER)



Hello! My name is Kayla Ellington and I am currently a first year Primary Education student, who is very heavily involved in Winchester Music Centre. There are various reasons that have led me to standing for student officer, but my overall goal is to be a voice to uplift those that want to be heard. The primary goal of the Student Union is that students are able to be given a voice in making the changes to their environment over the course of the years of their degree. If I were to be elected, that would be the key focus of my position, along with the care and consideration towards the mental health and welfare of the students here.

My objectives:

I will focus on helping to improve and maintain the support the university currently gives those who require assistance with caring for their mental wellbeing, which is incredibly important to me as a person who has both struggled with and also witnessed others cope with. Doing a degree is a very mentally challenging time, and I want to ensure that students feel they are being suitably supported where they need it.

To encourage student voice - ensuring that there is sufficient communication between the students and those with the power to make change. Student voice is critical to the running of the university, and I would want to ensure that where possible, students were able to be involved and feel a sense of belonging in their place of study. Community is a really important value to me, both as a trainee teacher, but also in general as I see how much of a difference it makes in terms of mutual fulfilment.

To foster the creative spirit present in Winchester. Extra-curricular clubs are vital to the development and well-rounded nature of the students at this university, and I want to be able to demonstrate to others just how much there is to get involved in whether that focuses on their sporting ability, musical talent or miscellaneous interest. This means ensuring there is clear communication between the students and the student union to ensure that as many people as possible feel welcome and represented. In voting for me, you are voting for a Student Officer who will be dedicated, compassionate and inclusive. I am keen to listen and do my best for the students of Winchester.