

VOTE



MAIA FOR ENGLISH PRESIDENT

Hi, my name's Maia, and I want to be your next President for the School of English because I care about making sure you get the most out of your time here in the school- in every sense.

Having been a class rep last year, I already have experience in both listening to and enacting your thoughts, and this level of communication is something I will be dedicated to upholding.

I have four main goals I want to achieve: accessibility, inclusivity, opportunity, and communication. I'll break down each one of those key points below and explain what I mean in a bit more detail.

Accessibility

- I will push for both primary and secondary readings to be accessible through entirely remote means.
 - I plan to do this by liaising closely with the library and reaching out to module coordinators for possible substitutions to texts which are physical-copy only.
 - I will push for the university to expand their subscription access to online academic sources.
- I will make sure that lectures and seminars are comfortable and accessible to all; whether this be online, in-person, or some combination of the two come next year.
 - If in-person classes begin again, I will push for these to be recorded and uploaded both for revision purposes and for the benefits of those who can't attend.
 - I will create new social media campaigns increasing awareness for the various software and functionalities which broaden the accessibility of online learning mediums (such as Caption.ed for Panopto and the closed captioning feature on Teams)

Inclusivity

- I will start a new, student-led initiative to re-examine the texts listed on the syllabuses.
 - I plan to do this by starting a new subcommittee made up of student volunteers tasked with identifying areas for improvement in the current reading lists across all modules, with a particular focus on diversity.
 - I will also survey each module group on their opinions regarding the breadth, relevancy and diversity of the assigned texts. With this, I will closely communicate with the aforementioned student diversity committee and module coordinators.
- Should more in-person events be possible next year, I will make sure to carry out an equal measure of online events available for students who cannot attend in-person.
 - These online events will be held to suit a variety of timezones and a diverse range of topics and vibes to suit all students.
- I will engage with all parts of the community of the School of English- especially those who may feel underrepresented.
 - I will keep a particular focus on remote students, postgraduates and BAME students when planning events, and reach out to relevant societies to partner on specific ideas.

Opportunity

- I will actively work to bring relevant career opportunities to you- both for during your studies and as future graduate prospects.
 - I plan to do this by engaging with the wide variety of sectors in which English graduates are valued outwith the norms of publishing and journalism, such as law, business, marketing, and media.
 - I will do this through advertising opportunities via email and social media, as well as inviting industry speakers and alumni to give talks, should they be of interest.

Communication

- I will open new channels of communication and post updates in concise, digestible forms.
 - I plan to do this by starting a dedicated Twitter, Instagram and Facebook account for the presidential position where updates will be regularly posted.
- I will maintain an honest and open communication with all of you about the discussions and decisions which are being made regarding your school.
 - I plan to do this by continuing the weekly emails, as well as posting consistently on the new social media channels.
- I will listen to your thoughts, comments and concerns on all matters; regardless how small.
 - I will make myself more easily findable through channels other than email by marking my social media profiles accordingly with my role, and accept feedback, comments, concerns, or just conversation through any medium.
 - Should anyone wish to submit feedback anonymously, I will open a Google form which I will keep online for the length of my presidency for this purpose.