

MANIFESTO

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INFORMATION PLATFORM

I will establish an information hub on the classof2024 Instagram started by a prospective student and use it as a platform to connect freshers to societies, subcommittees, halls, and sports clubs.

1. Class of 2024 Instagram

student societies, sports clubs, and subcommittees i.e. what they do, their events in the past/upcoming year, ways that students can get involved, committee positions available, and relevant website/contact details. There are over a hundred societies and fifty sports clubs, but I will get in touch with each one of them and gather the aforementioned information through a form. I have also arranged for them to takeover the @standrews2024 Instagram everyday from June 30- September 10 to interact with freshers and answer any questions they might have.

each accommodation: Senior student of each hall will take over the Instagram in the first week of August, right around the time when most accommodation offers have been made. They will introduce themselves, share pictures of kitchens, common rooms, bedrooms, washrooms, etc and have a Q&A to answer any questions freshers may have about the hall they are meant to live in.

different services and opportunities offered by the university i.e. Peer Support, Student Services, CAPOD etc. They have also been outlined in a very comprehensive and useful way in the Annually published Union book, but I will condense the information into accessible graphics and share them on the Instagram and Facebook group.

2. Freshers Microsite with the Director of Events and Services

I will assist the DoES with uploading as much relevant information as possible to the freshers microsite on the yourunion website



SMOOTH CULTURAL TRANSITION

As a student from a different culture, first year was more than just learning about new courses and societies. It included finding the perfect biryani nearby, adjusting to beautiful weather changes, and realizing shops in St Andrews do not stock my favorite home shampoo. I will work towards supporting a smooth Cultural Transition for international and EU Students

1. I will liaise with different international societies and students to make a country/culture tailored guide to ease transition and let students know what differences in lifestyle they can expect.
2. I am hoping to interview existing students from different parts of the world to enlist things like items (food/amenities) that are not locally available and can be brought from home, and reviews of country or culture specific places (shops or restaurants) in and around Dundee/Glasgow/Edinburgh.
3. I will work with the Member for Racial Equality to tackle any potential problems students may face on arrival.



FOCUS ON ACADEMIC FAMILIES

Academic families are probably the most wholesome part of our university experience. I want to make sure that every fresher is not just involved but happy about it. (That's a picture of my amazing second academic family)

1. I will work with the Director of Wellbeing to establish enough opportunities for third and first years to interact and for adoption to take place.
2. I will also actively encourage the use of St Friendrews for Academic Parents and First Years alike so they can network and find likeable families over social media



SRC FRIEND FOR FIRST YEARS

1. Let's face it, one of the most nerve wrecking bits of moving to a new place is finding your troop/making friends. In my first year, I carried to university a huge chunk of social anxiety and hesitated to make friends. I want to support freshers and maximize avenues for them to socialize and integrate into the bubble.
2. Although not in first year, **study abroad students** are freshers as well and tend to feel alienated sometimes. I will keep in touch with the exchange students from different years and answer any questions they have. I will also help put them in contact with relevant people if they have any concerns.

