



My Manifesto

About me:

I'm Chloe, and I'm running to be your next Science and Medicine Faculty President. I started university as a direct entrant into Mathematics and Physics, but realised that my interests lie elsewhere, and I now study Psychology. After studying for nearly three years in St Andrews, I have lots of experience in different departments, and have noticed that students don't always have equal access to academic and wellbeing support. I'm passionate about wellbeing and the student experience in general, and I want every student's voice to be heard, and to increase the inclusivity and transparency in all departments in the Faculties of Science and Medicine.

I want to listen to your ideas and concerns, and represent science and medicine students at a university-wide level. All students should be equally represented and have the same academic opportunities, regardless of their background. I understand the challenges that students in different schools face, and I would love to have the opportunity to help them overcome these.

What experiences of leadership do I have?

This year, I am the Senior Student of University Hall. This involves being a main point of contact for a hall of over 500 people, leading a committee of 20 people and organising a range of events for residents. During my time as Senior Student, I have dealt with a wide variety of people and have university-wide contacts. I have plenty of experience dealing with students' concerns and know how to present them as a priority. I know how to chair committee meetings and make appropriate contributions to discussions. As Senior Student, I have also been involved in campaigns across the University, mainly regarding Washstation and accommodation affordability. Most importantly, I have spent my year listening to the issues and ideas of my peers, and learning how to best deal with these.

I have also been a student ambassador for the past three years. The role of a senior ambassador involves welcoming prospective students to St Andrews and also helping other ambassadors to become comfortable giving tours. I have gained valuable experience in understanding the worries of students when they first arrive in St Andrews. I would like to make the transition into departments easier, by giving academic advice and organising social events.

For the past two years, I have been a Project Officer for St Andrews Voluntary Service (SVS). This has enabled me to meet with volunteers and help them with their projects. I have also volunteered in St Andrews for several different organisations, such as Girlguiding and Families First.

I feel that these experiences have prepared me to become your next Science and Medicine Faculty President, as I have proved that I am able to ensure that the voice of every student is heard.

My AIMS as Science and Medicine Faculty President?

Academic:

- I will ensure every student understands their academic options and the degree paths they can take.
- I will ensure all schools receive more tailored careers advice and work with the careers centre to improve the accessibility to careers advice.
- I will endeavour to improve the relationship between undergraduates and postgraduates, and ensure both groups have their voices heard.

- I will ensure the concerns of Science and Medicine students are heard on the Academic Council and at the Education Committee meetings.

Inclusivity:

- I will attend equality working groups to promote equality within the Science and Medicine Faculties.
- I will help school presidents to organise more socials, in order to encourage integration of different year groups.
- I will ensure students of all genders, religions, sexualities, and ethnicities are not discriminated against in any way.
- I will ensure students with disabilities have equal access to support and are not academically disadvantaged.
- I will ensure easy access to the University's disabilities policy and that staff know how to follow it.
- I will ensure that academic staff are aware of the necessary commitments to anonymous marking to prevent bias towards students.

More:

- I will ensure more transparency between committees and councils, and the student body.
- I will provide more support for school presidents and the DoEd.
- I will work with the Arts and Divinity Faculty President to ensure more support for students in interdisciplinary (ID) modules.
- I will work to ensure more role-specific training for school presidents.

Support and wellbeing:

- I will work with the DoWell, the wellbeing committee, and student services to ensure all students know how to access support when they need it.
- I will ensure every school promotes general wellbeing equally.
- I will ensure that every school has a mentor scheme to help incoming freshers.
- I will hold weekly office hours, so students have the opportunity to express concerns and ideas.
- I will be available via email and Facebook to answer questions.

Thank you for reading my manifesto and don't forget to vote on the Thursday 5th and Friday 6th of March!