



FOR DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

### Who is Cam?

Hey! I'm Cam! I am currently a postgraduate taught student studying Legal and Constitutional Studies (so, nothing too heavy!) I am originally from Aberdeen, although grew up in small village in East Yorkshire. I was also a resident of Singapore for six years, spending time there before going to the University of Chester to study Law at undergrad.

### Why am I running?

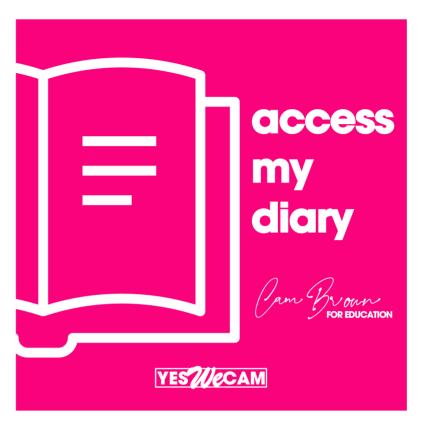
I am running to be your next Director of Education because I am passionate about improving your representation across the University. I believe we can work to fix the issues that hold people back in studies and ensure academia runs smoother.

Representing people has been a passion of mine from a young age. This is why when I was fourteen I took on my first role as a National Executive for StudentVoice. From there I have built my experience as a active campaigner, working on both local and national campaigns. I believe this means that I am well placed to represent students, standing up for you.















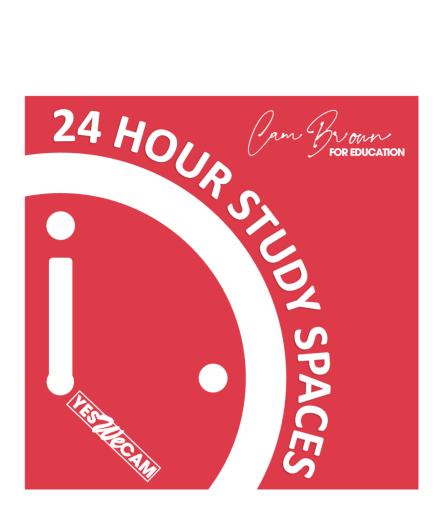
### be visible #YESWECAM

It is essential that your SABBs are seen so that you can be heard. This is how we build trust, accountability and safety. This means more than being in the association office and writing emails. It means being visible and accessible. Our Union needs to be more transparent so you can see we are working to deliver on our commitments and are **championing and representing you**. It is imperative that we make it as easy as possible for you to contact your elected officers. I will engage with the wider community, attending societies and committees. And this work starts today. People believe what they see, and I will campaign as I intend to lead.

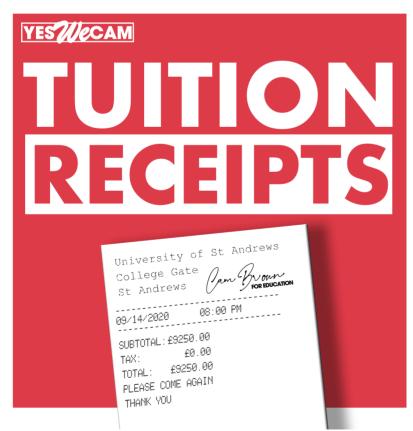
**Listening. Listening. Listening.** Being visible and accessible is one part, but actively listening and acting on your behalf is the other. If you see me around, don't hesitate to come up and chat about your concerns, and what you want to see done by your future officers. It is only through listening to you that we are able to deliver on your priorities.

I plan to open up my diary so you can, access it and, see exactly what I have done and will be doing. This way, you can see how I am dedicating my time to ensure I am not wasting yours.

## TL;DR | Visible and accessible | Greater transparency | Championing and representing you | Listening Listening Listening | Access my diary











## DEVLIVER FOR YOU DEVLIVER FOR YOU DEVLIVE FOR

Currently, there is no dedicated 24-hour study spaces for undergraduate students. We all know that sometimes it is impossible to study at home or in halls. I will work with the University to create a dedicated 24-hour UG space, so no matter the time you will have somewhere to get your work done. The example set by the Postgraduate Lounge and areas within Butts Wynd are an excellent model.

It's time the Academic Advisor system got an upgrade. Working with the University to introduce a **Personal Academic Tutor** (PAT) scheme will ensure you have someone you can always turn to during your studies, be it with academics or seeking out other support. PAT groups will also give you an in-school community of students you can turn to. PATs should also hold meetings each semester to one-to-one check-in and see how their students are doing.

I will co-ordinate with departments across the University to produce '*Tuition Receipts*'. A detailed breakdown of where your fees go, so you can judge whether you are getting value for your money. Not only will these receipts highlight the numerous out-of-class resources you can use, from study skills to the careers office, but ensure accountability with the education provided to you while at St Andrews.

I will lobby the university to **outline the hidden costs within courses**, such as the books and trips. We can then explore ways in which the University can provide support for those unable to meet those costs, ensuring everyone has the resources they need to succeed.

### TL;DR | 24-7 Study Spaces for Undergraduates | Personal Academic Tutors | Tuition Receipts | Expose hidden costs











# MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD MAKE MAKE YOUR VOICE MAKE YOUR VOICE MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD

Undergrad or Postgrad, research or taught, it is our job to make sure your voices are heard. This means not assuming to know what you think on issues that arise. It is critical that you are consulted before we act. So, I won't assume, I'll ask! This might mean more work for us arranging more polling and opportunities to let your voice be heard, but this is how we represent you.

If elected, as Director of Education, I will reach out to the Vice Chancellor Education to arrange **one-on-one Q&A sessions** where I can put your questions directly to those making decisions. This ensures your voices are heard at the highest levels within the University. This also gives them an opportunity to have a direct insight into how the student body is doing.

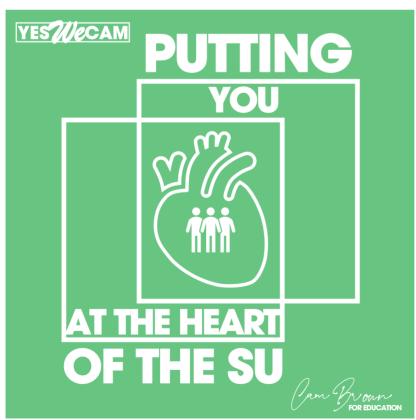
Having been a PGT Rep for the last year, I understand the challenges in building the right connections you need to best support people when they raise an issue. We need to further support our School Presidents and Reps in their transitions into office, ensuring they have the training and resources to hit the ground running on day one. Likewise, work is still needed to fully implement PG Reps, and when the new cohort is elected in September, direct consultation with them and the PG Convenor will let us discover how to best do that.

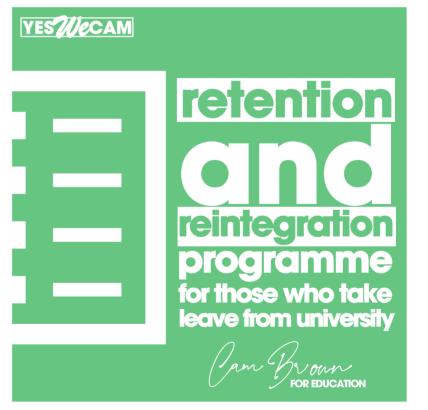
### TL;DR

I won't assume, I'll ask | Ensuring your voice is heard | Introduce Q&A with Vice Principal Education | Support School Reps | Consult our Reps to find our what they need to succeed











# ENSURE EVERY PERSON MATTERS ENSURE E ENSURE EVERY PERSON ENSURE EVERY PERSON ENSURE EVERY PERSON MATTERS #YESWECAM

Mental health can come under great strain while studying at university, and following the pandemic this issue has been brought to breaking point. When it comes to applying for support often students are met with long forms and long waiting times. It's time we explore what we can do to cut any unnecessary red tape that holds up vital support. It is equally vital that we continue to engage with the University, at all levels, to explore what more support can be offered to you.

We need to be there for you at every level, supporting you through each stage while you are at St Andrews. Whether it be with finding you the right support or guiding you with academic representation. Back to basics, we are a union, we are here to support you.

Leaves of absence are sometimes unavoidable, and you should have support through it all. I believe in working with the university to introduce a **retention and reintegration programme** so we can deliver just that. Making the process easier to navigate, and prepare for the smoothest possible return. We also need to work to ensure you still are part of our community and are not isolated from the support you need, especially when it most.

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| Supporting you at every level | Cutting red tape to support | Retention and reintegration programme











## AB TEAM SUPPORT THE SAAB TEAM UPPORT THE SAAB TEAM SUPPORT THE SAAB SUPPORT THE SABB TEAM

Your education is more than academics, every part of University life affects it. This is why it is essential that your next Sabbatical Officers works as a team to help tackle those issues. While I am unable to make promises that fall out of the reemit of education, I do promise that I will do my upmost to support the sabbatical team to deliver for you. We need to be a united front if we are to help tackle these issues, and I am ready to do my part

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Students are being faced with a wide array of issues. With current students searching for accommodation for the next academic year, working to support you through the housing crisis and lobbying against the HMO freeze is a top priority. As well as continuing the 'think before you ink' scheme to ensure no one is taken advantage of by those who seeking to capitalise on the current crisis.

Unfortunately, far too many people have been personally affected by the issue of 'consent', or know someone close who has. This is far bigger than just our University, but we must start making a positive change in the hopes of causing a chain reaction. We must strive every day to make our campus one of the safest in the UK.

We can start by saying "Enough is Enough" and calling out unacceptable behaviours when we see them, and this extends to standing up for our of communities. We must be vocal if we are to create a safe campus for anyone, especially those who need our support or help.

### TL;DR | Support you through the housing crisis | Enough is Enough | Think before you ink | Strive to make St Andrews the safest UK Uni

### **SUMMARY**

There is only one thing that matters in this election, and that is you. While our Students' Association is brilliant in so many ways, I know we can do so much more. We need a fresh approach that offers new creative solutions to old problems, ensuring your concerns are listened to, and making sure you get the support you need.

Everyday students need a champion, and I want to be that champion. Not only so we can put students and their voices back at the heart of SU, but to ensure that you get ahead and stay ahead. I only promise what I can deliver, and I will deliver what I promise. I am steadfast in my commitment to relentlessly advocate on your behalf everyday. I am certain in the belief that you should represented at all levels across our university and will therefore work to sure your time in St Andrews is the best it can possibly be.

Together, #YesWeCam

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