

Hello, I am Batool Butt, and I am running to be a representative for Youth Parliament. I believe that we as young people should be equipped with the information and tools needed for us to succeed in life. After all, we are the next generation of professionals, tax payers, civilians and leaders of modern Britain.

My key priorities are as follows:

- Mental health awareness
- Increasing work experience
- mandatory 'life-skill' lessons

Mental Health Awareness

One of the key issues I would like to raise awareness of is mental health. With this being an increasingly problematic issue, affecting 1 in 4 young people, I believe it's time for change. If elected, I would try my best to remove the stigma that surrounds mental health and also help to facilitate healthy outlets for people to use. Ultimately, a healthy mind is the first step to achieving a healthy and happy life.

Increasing Work Experience

Moreover, I would like to increase the exposure an average student in Secondary School gets of the "real world." This could be achieved by increasing work experience opportunities at every school. Why do we need this? By allowing ourselves to see different job sectors we can expand our knowledge and gain skills that will stay with us for life. Consequently, opening our eyes to the wealth of opportunities available.

Mandatory 'Life skill' lessons

Furthermore, I hope to modify the curriculum to teach students how to apply their knowledge to the situations they will face in the 'adult world.' This could be achieved by adding mandatory lessons in: finances, politics and well being. By improving and refining the curriculum we can cater to the needs of the youth today.

Ultimately, I believe my past experiences in debating and public speaking will ensure that I can confidently convey your ideas and concerns, whilst empowering the youth of today. Thank you.

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