

Mahnoor- candidate for youth Mayor

Age:15

Connection to the Wandsworth borough: Education and residence

My name is Mahnoor, I am 15 years old and I study in Wandsworth, I am running for Youth Mayor because I believe young people should be properly listened to, not just asked for opinions with no follow-up. As a student, I understand how challenging it can be to balance exams, expectations and planning for the future. I have experienced academic pressure myself, which has made me more aware of important support, communication and opportunity there are for young people. Strong leadership requires resilience, responsibility and consistent action, and these are the standards I will bring to this role.

My three Key priorities are:

-clear youth voices and accountability- Too often young people share concerns but never hear what happens next. As youth mayor, I will reach out to student councils and youth groups across Wandsworth to gather key issues each term. I will then help create a simple and clear update report showing what was raised and what response has been given.

While I cannot promise to solve every issue, I can ensure that young people's voices are organised, acknowledged and properly responded to. Transparency builds trust, and trust strengthens our community.

-Improving access to opportunities-There are internships, volunteering roles, leadership programmes and career opportunities available, but not every person is aware of them. I will work with the council and youth services to improve how these opportunities are shared, so information reaches more schools and youth spaces in a clear and timely way.

No young person should miss out simply because they did not know something was available.

-Supporting students through academic pressure – Exams and expectations can feel overwhelming, and many students experience stress during important academic periods. I will promote practical support such as revision guidance sessions, workshops on managing stress and confidence- building activities partnerships with existing youth services.

Young people need more than awareness; we need practical tools that help us cope and succeed.

WHY I will lead with purpose

Overall young people in Wandsworth deserve representation that is consistent, organised and genuine. I am not running to make unrealistic promises or simply to just hold a title. I am running because I understand the pressure young people face, academically and personally, and I want to turn those experiences into practical action.

I may not have the power to change everything but I do have the commitment to listen carefully communicate clearly and follow through. Leadership is about speaking the loudest but is about showing up and making sure people are heard. If I am elected, I will represent young people in Wandsworth with responsibility, focus and ambition.

Together, we will shape the future of Wandsworth.