

FINLEY BURNS

It takes a village to raise a child: it takes Fin to fight for more.

The University of Wolverhampton is an institution that promises two things: innovation and opportunity. Regardless of age or gender, creed, class or colour, we promise opportunity for all. Still I fear there is something hindering the fulfilment of our student's fullest potential: alienation.

Why do you join societies? Why do you join sports teams? Why do you move into student accommodation?

For connection; for community.

As a current member of the student union events team - as an aspiring nurse - I know more than anyone that community is what allows you to flourish beyond your own expectations.

That is why I, as Student Union President, aim to encourage student engagement in university societies and sports teams. Working alongside Jack Appleby, the Student Union's Societies and Volunteering Coordinator, to bring not just more students back into societies, but society back to students.

Moreover, I aim to help students build better bonds with future employers through the integration of new summer internship opportunities. This would help students to curate irreplaceable work experience for their CV's early on. Students at Redbrick universities are encouraged from year one to join summer internship programmes, to fluff their LinkedIn's, and to foster a career community: why not encourage our students in a similar manner? Why not create an environment that not only fuels but carefully fosters the future of our students too? Through not only the direction towards these opportunities but the careful curation of a career oriented calendar I aim to bring our students one step closer to brilliance.

Creating opportunities for internal work placement for Arts and Humanities students is another goal of mine. We hire, each year, we host countless events which require photographers, graphic designers, and copywriters, and many other creative professionals to advertise our student centric events - why not offer these opportunities to students? Why not involve these creatives further with our own students? Why not allow our events to be not only opportunities for our students but vehicles for their voices? This not only reinforces our key values of innovation and opportunity for every and all students but encourages creative students to value their work and build portfolios early on with projects that have impact.

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Finally, creating a hub for students to connect and share their personal projects (more and more students are utilising social media to create a personal brand, creating online blogs as journalism portfolios, and are in desperate need for willing participants for research based assignments) to further encourage a sense of community between different people; shouldn't the aspiring psychologist from Nigeria be able to connect with the future nurse from Somerset? Shouldn't the new copywriter from West Bromwich be able to work with the young graphic designer from Nepal?

With the students and with the Student Union staff I aim to turn the union from four walls that host student events into four walls that surround a village.

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MARVIN EVBUOMWAN

Progress For Every Student.

My name is Marvin Evbuomwan, and I am a postgraduate student from the School of Business and Arts, Department of Finance and Accounting. I am running for Student Union President at the University of Wolverhampton because I believe student leadership should be visible, practical, and focused on improving everyday student life across all campuses.

Students today face rising living costs, pressure on mental health, and uncertainty about employment after graduation. These challenges affect how students learn, engage, and plan their futures. Student leadership must respond directly to these realities and ensure that student voices shape decisions that affect daily student life.

My core aim is to strengthen the student voice, work hand in hand with vice president academic, community and diversity also improving student experience across all campuses thereby, supporting student success academically, financially, socially, and personally. This is because progress should be something students experience, and not just something discussed.

My Objectives

i. Mental Health, Confidence, and Student Support: Mental health support should be easy to access and visible across campus, as too many students wait until they are overwhelmed before asking for help. As President, I will work with the University, the Students' Union, and external partners to improve wellbeing support, especially during exams and major academic transitions. I will also support the creation of a student wellbeing and support society as the Red Cross Organisation will bring about unity focused on disability student, confidence building, therapy awareness, and managing study stress. With support from health related students where possible, this society can also promote basic health and first aid awareness, helping students support one another while gaining experience linked to their studies.

ii. Employability, Financial Awareness, and Student Debt: Students want real opportunities while they study, not only after graduation. As President, I will push for more flexible on-campus jobs, short paid projects, and stronger partnerships with local employers that fit around academic schedules. I completed a six-month internship with Barclays Corporate Bank in Birmingham, where I gained experience in professional working environments and financial responsibility. This showed me how important confidence and access to opportunity are for students. As a Trustee of the Students' Union, I will also take part in decisions about financial sustainability and explore ways

to support students facing financial pressure and concerns about debt, while helping ensure student funds are used responsibly.

iii. Sports and Campus Unity: Feeling connected to the university community plays a major role in happiness and success. I will support university wide sports day across campuses such as City and Walsall. These events will encourage inclusive fitness activities and promote wearing university sports clothing among students and staff to build campus pride, security among students and reduce isolation. I will also encourage simple group activities such as jogging or walking around campus areas, helping students stay active while meeting others from different courses and campuses.

Telford Transition and Accommodation Planning

The transition from University of Wolverhampton Telford to the City Campus and Walsall Campus has created challenges, especially for students facing longer travel times and accommodation issues. As President, I will advocate for fair hostel access, clearer communication, and proper transition support. I will also speak to University leadership about long term accommodation planning as student numbers increase over the years. The Springfield Campus shows what is possible, as it was once an abandoned and fire damaged site and is now a functioning City Campus. This shows that unused sites can be developed into student hostels and support facilities with the right planning.

Walsall Campus Development and Student Care

At the University of Wolverhampton Walsall Campus, ongoing construction is affecting student experience, as such, I will work to ensure students receive regular updates about disruptions and that support services remain accessible during this period. Students deserve care and understanding while campus improvements are taking place.

Visible Leadership and Experience

Leadership must be present to be trusted. I will stay engaged across all campuses with one sabbatical officers present on ground to remain approachable. As a Class Representative for Finance and Accounting, I have raised student concerns, supported communication with staff, and helped improve learning conditions. This experience taught me the importance of listening and turning feedback into action.

My Slogan in Action

Progress for Every Student means better support, stronger opportunities, and fair representation across all campuses. I am not promising perfection, but I am committed to honest, hardworking management that puts students first at the University of Wolverhampton.

CHARLIE JERRISON- EGLINGTON

Your voice, your choice, your students union!

Putting Student Wellbeing and Accessibility at the Heart of Our Union

University life can be exciting, but it can also be overwhelming. Academic pressure, financial stress along with social expectations, and personal challenges can all have an effect on students' mental health and wellbeing.

As Student Union President, my priority is simple: to help create a Students' Union where every student feels supported, included, and able to flourish.

Mental Health and Wellbeing

Mental health should never be an afterthought. It should be embedded in everything we do. I will work to ensure that the Students' Union not only feel a safe place and welcoming but that is a safe, welcoming space where students feel comfortable taking breaks, and that they feel Comfortable asking for help and or support , Therefore giving them the ability to feel able looking after themselves.

I aim to:

- Advocate for stronger collaboration between the Students' Union and wellbeing services.
- Promote mental health awareness campaigns that are student-led, inclusive, and meaningful — not just symbolic.
- Push for more wellbeing-focused events that prioritise connection, rest, and balance, not just nightlife.
- Ensure students know what support is available and how to access it, without stigma or confusion.

Breakaway and Quiet Spaces in the Students' Union

The Students' Union should be a space for everyone including those who are more comfortable in a quieter, low-stimulus environments to recharge.

I will work to:

- Improve access to dedicated breakaway and quiet spaces within the Students' Union.
- Advocate for clearly signposted, comfortable areas where students can rest, decompress, or take time out between classes.
- Ensure these spaces are inclusive, respectful, and suitable for neurodivergent students, those with anxiety, or anyone needing a calm environment.

Accessibility for All Students

Accessibility is not optional it is essential. I believe accessibility must be considered in all decisions, from physical spaces to communication and events.

My commitments include:

- Listening to disabled students and accessibility advocates to better understand barriers the student's face within the Students' Union.
- Improving physical accessibility with in and around the Union spaces and facilities wherever and however possible.
- Ensuring events, resources, and communications are accessible, inclusive, and clearly communicated.
- Challenging policies and practices that unintentionally exclude students.

A Union That Listens

Above all, I want to be a President who listens. Students know what they need they deserve a representative who takes their concerns seriously and turns them into action.

I promise to:

- Be visible, approachable, and open to feedback.
- Represent all students, not just the loudest voices.
- Work collaboratively to make real, achievable improvements.

Together, We Can Build a Better Union

With your support, I will work to create a Students' Union that prioritises wellbeing, values accessibility, and supports every student not just academically, but as whole people.

Vote for a Students' Union that cares.

Vote for inclusion, wellbeing, and change.

SAMIR KHATIWADA

Your Voice. Your University. Your Future.

Manifesto

I am standing for Students' Union President because students deserve strong leadership, fair treatment, and a real voice in decisions that affect their lives. This role is about listening to students, standing up for them, and turning concerns into meaningful change.

As President, I will represent students at the highest level and work closely with the Students' Union and University leadership to make sure student voices are heard, respected, and acted upon.

My Experience and Why I'm Standing

I am currently the Vice President for Community and Welfare, where I have represented students, worked with university leaders, and helped improve support and wellbeing services. This role has given me the experience, confidence, and understanding needed to lead the Students' Union effectively.

As an international student, I understand the challenges students face from academic pressure and wellbeing concerns to financial stress and unclear systems. I have seen how strong student representation can make a real difference. That is why I am standing for Students' Union President: to build on the work I have already started and represent all students with integrity and purpose.

My Priorities

Clear and Fair Fees

- Ensure students clearly understand what they are paying for.
- Push for simple, honest communication about fees and extra costs.
- Make sure students are consulted before major financial decisions.

Academic Integrity and Fair Treatment

- Promote fairness, clarity, and transparency in academic processes.
- Ensure students understand assessment rules and misconduct procedures.
- Support students through academic appeals and challenges.

Affordable Living and Transport

- Campaign for affordable, flexible accommodation.
- Work towards cheaper and more flexible transport across campuses.
- Challenge unfair pricing in university services.

Mental Health, Wellbeing, and Sport

- Improve access to mental health and wellbeing support.
- Push for shorter waiting times and clearer support routes.
- Expand inclusive and affordable sports and physical activities to support student wellbeing.

Support for International Students

- Improve academic and welfare support for international students.
- Make information on visas, housing, healthcare, and work rights easy to access.
- Help international students feel welcomed and included.

Jobs, Skills, and Volunteering

- Work with the University and local partners to increase part-time jobs.
- Support fair, flexible work that fits around study.
- Expand volunteering opportunities to help students build skills and confidence.

Food That Works for Everyone

- Push for affordable, good-quality, and culturally diverse food on campus.
- Respect dietary, cultural, and religious needs.
- Improve value for money in campus food services.

Student Voices First

- Represent students confidently in senior University meetings.
- Ensure student feedback shapes policies and services.
- Strengthen SU democracy so students can easily engage and be heard.

A Stronger Student Community

- Support inclusive Welcome Week and student-led events.
- Encourage participation in societies, sports, and activities.
- Represent Wolverhampton students locally and nationally, including through the NUS.

How I Will Lead

I will be a visible, approachable, and accountable SU President. I will lead with integrity, use my experience as Vice President, and always put students first. I will listen, act, and challenge decisions when they are not in students' best interests.

Final Message

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This is about fairness, strong leadership, and real representation. If elected, I will work every day to improve student life and ensure every student feels heard, supported, and valued.

Together, we can build a better University of Wolverhampton for everyone.

ALEXANDER BAKER

Less Talk. More Action.

Manifest 2026

Let's get straight to the point. University should be giving students the opportunity to excel in every aspect of their student experience and post-graduate life. It is about developing knowledge, learning from peers, celebrating everyone's backgrounds, cultures, and history, and making lifelong memories that will shape the person you are for the rest of your life. It is very easy to forget about these aspects when you're so focused on achieving those first-class honours, but I'm running as President for the Students' Union in order to change that!

Top 5 Goals I will Achieve!

1. Have your assessment/s grading been delayed? I will **improve marking & feedback turnaround** times whilst ensuring there is clear marking criteria across departments.
2. Ever been uncomfortable in a lecture when a topic is brought up that goes against your religion or beliefs? I will increase **religious, cultural, and ethnic awareness** through all departments to put an end towards this so you can be yourself.
3. Feel awkward about approaching staff regarding your mental health? I will make it mandatory for all Student Representatives to receive **Mental Health Awareness** training, so you have someone similar to yourself to talk to.
4. Missed your lecture because of work or personal commitments? Tired of not having your lecture slides before your lecture? I will ensure that **all lectures are recorded** to view on Canvas and make sure presentations are made **accessible 24 hours in advance**. Even though this should already be the case, across most departments it isn't.
5. Interested in a society but they don't do many events? I will **increase funding and support** for student societies and make it mandatory they hold regular events for all their members?

Who Am I?

I'm Alexander, currently a Psychology & Counselling student, former President of the Psychology Society, and currently Course Representative. My experience working with the Students' Union means I understand what students want and, most importantly, I know how to get things done. Competent, Respectful, & Resilient. That's me. You want action, not words for comfort. You want realistic goals, not false promises. You want to

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be acknowledged, not brushed off. Therefore, you know I'm the right SU President for you. You know what to do!

IKENNA OKEKE

One Union, One Voice.

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1. Improved Visibility and Presence in University Buildings and Wasall campus: Presence of sabbatical officers and relevant union staff in our Wasall campus and in other key spaces such as Lord Swaraj and Springfield. This is to ensure that students issues are met in time without some beauracratc obstacles.

2. Engagement with relevant stakeholders to support our student experience.

a. Improved engagement with our key stakeholder, the students, to improve their wellbeing and experience while on campus.

b. Collaboration and Partnership with the University management to drive inclusive, diverse and sustainable experience for all students.

c. Engagement with local authorities and agencies that are relevant to our interests as students.

3. Seamless integration for our Telford students into Wasall Campus and Springfield.

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5. Championing inclusion and diversity and encouraging belongingness in our spaces: Creating a welcoming environment where every student will feel relaxed and comfortable to be in. Also championing a policy in which inclusion and diversity is embedded in every action of our university.