



VISION STATEMENT

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<p>We all pay the same tuition fees, but not all students receive the same level of academic support. Some feel guided and confident, while others feel confused, stressed, or unsure whether they're even on the right track.</p> <p>As a student here myself, I've seen how different academic experiences can feel depending on your course. Some students feel well-supported and clear on what's expected of them, while others are left confused, stressed, or unsure whether they're even on the right track. Through speaking to students across different cohorts, it's clear that not everyone receives the same level of academic support, clarity, or constructive feedback, and that shouldn't depend on which course you're in.</p> <p>Courses should differ in content and teaching style, but the standard of support students receive should be fair across the University.</p> <p>If elected as your Education Officer, my priority will be to improve communication across departments so that good ideas don't get stuck in a single course or faculty. When something works well, whether it's clear assessment guidance, helpful feedback, or accessible support, other students should benefit from it too. I will raise student concerns about differences in teaching quality and academic support, and work with the University to push for shared standards around clarity, expectations, and accessibility. Clear communication and good teaching should be the baseline, not a bonus.</p> <p>I will also advocate for fairer assessment practices and more timely feedback. Many students have experienced getting feedback only after their next semester or assignment has already started, making it feel pointless rather than helpful. Feedback should help students improve, not add pressure or confusion. I will ensure student voices are included in discussions about assessment design and feedback timelines.</p> <p>Finally, Course Reps should be more than just names on a Moodle page or a slide shown once at the start of the term. Too many students don't know who represents them or how to raise concerns. I will work to make the Course Rep system more visible and approachable, with more face-to-face opportunities to share feedback and actually to see the changes that result.</p> <p>I'm running for Education Officer because I care about fairness, transparency, and ensuring students' academic voices drive real change. If elected, I'll work to make education at Manchester Met clearer, fairer, and genuinely student-led for every course.</p>	

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