



# VISION STATEMENT

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<p>Hello, my name is Samaha. I am a first-year undergraduate student, and resilience and commitment are values that shape everything I do. From my earliest experiences as a student representative in primary school all the way to university, I've learned that leadership is not about being the loudest voice in the room, it's about showing up, listening deeply, and acting with integrity. These qualities guide me, and they are exactly what I would bring to the role of President. My journey as a student rep has taught me how to navigate intimidating spaces with purpose. On my first day of university rep training, I found myself surrounded by postgraduates and master's students. It was overwhelming, but I stayed grounded in my commitment to represent others and create positive change. That moment reinforced something important: leadership requires courage, not comfort. It requires stepping forward even when you feel small. That is the kind of leader I am. As President, I would lead the representation of student views and interests to the University, locally and nationally, with the same determination I've shown throughout my time as a rep. I've always believed that every student voice matters, especially those who feel unheard. When my seminar group was too shy to share feedback, I didn't give up. I adapted, approached people individually, and gathered over 20 meaningful suggestions. That persistence led to real changes. Representing students at the highest levels requires exactly this: initiative, empathy, and the ability to turn silence into action. Developing positive community relations is another core responsibility of the President, and it aligns naturally with my personality and experience. I've worked with diverse groups through open days, drop-in sessions, and collaborative projects across school and college. These roles taught me how to build trust, communicate clearly, and create welcoming environments where people feel valued. I understand how to maintain strong relationships with community organisations, forums, and groups because I've spent years doing exactly that, connecting with people, understanding their needs, and working together toward shared goals. As President, I would also lead our public image and serve as a Governor of the University. This requires professionalism, confidence, and the ability to represent students with clarity and credibility. My background in leadership roles, my commitment to inclusivity, and my ability to communicate effectively make me well-prepared for this responsibility. I know how to present myself, how to advocate for others, and how to uphold the values of the student body with pride. My goal is to build a stronger, more connected, and more inclusive university community. I want every student, regardless of background, confidence level, or academic path, to feel represented, supported, and empowered. I believe deeply that leadership is not about speaking for people, but about creating the conditions where they feel safe and confident to speak for themselves. If elected President, I will champion student voices at every level, strengthen our relationships with the wider community, and represent our university with integrity and ambition. With your support, we can build a student community that is united, respected, and heard, locally, nationally, and beyond. Thank you.</p>	



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