



VISION STATEMENT

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<p>Hello I am Yash Patil, a BSc (Hons) Artificial Intelligence & Data Science student at Manchester Met, and I'm standing for Education Officer because I care deeply about the quality, clarity, and fairness of our education. I believe Manchester Met students deserve an education that is clear, fair, challenging, and genuinely prepares us for the future — one that matches the standards of top universities while staying supportive and inclusive. As students, we all invest significant time, effort, and money into our degrees. Yet many of us experience unclear marking, inconsistent feedback, delayed responses, or uncertainty around what is actually expected of us. These challenges do not reflect a lack of ability or motivation from students — they reflect systems that can and should be improved. If elected as Education Officer, my focus will be on raising academic standards in a realistic and achievable way, so students feel confident, informed, and proud of their education at MMU. One of my key priorities will be clearer and fairer assessment. Students should understand how their work is marked and how they can improve. I will work with the University to push for greater transparency in marking criteria, clearer assignment guidance, and feedback that is practical and actionable — not vague or generic. High standards should always be clear standards. I also want to strengthen the Course Rep system so student feedback leads to visible and meaningful action. Course Reps should feel empowered, well-trained, and taken seriously, with clear communication on what has changed as a result of student voice. Representation should lead to outcomes, not just meetings. MMU is known for its practical and applied learning, which is a real strength. However, practical learning works best when students are given strong conceptual foundations first. I have seen many students struggle not because they lack ability, but because they are expected to apply concepts in labs or assessments before fully understanding the underlying theory. As Education Officer, I will advocate for a better balance between foundations and application, especially in technical and STEM-based courses, so students are prepared, confident, and able to succeed when learning becomes more advanced. Education should be challenging but supported. I want MMU students to develop critical thinking, problem-solving, and independent learning skills expected at leading universities — while ensuring that guidance, structure, and academic confidence are available for everyone. High standards should push students forward, not leave them behind. Inclusivity is central to this approach. MMU has a diverse student body, including international students, commuters, mature learners, and those on highly technical courses. I will advocate for teaching and assessment methods that recognise this diversity while maintaining academic rigor. Most importantly, I will be approachable, honest, and accountable. I want students to feel comfortable raising concerns and confident that their voices are represented clearly and professionally at every level of academic decision-making. I am standing for Education Officer because I genuinely care about improving the academic experience at Manchester Met. Together, we can build an education system that challenges us, prepares us, and supports us — and reflects the high standards MMU students deserve.</p>	

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