

## Alice Marsh's Manifesto

I would like to be considered for election into Youth Parliament because I believe passionately in giving a voice to young people within the society and government we will all grow up in. I believe in making change happen and bringing the issues that matter most to us, into the hands of someone who can make those changes happen.

If I were elected, I would campaign for three issues that matter to me the most:

Firstly, I would campaign for free transport for all students in BANES. I believe that we should be supporting our young people in using public transport, rather than discouraging them by extortionately high fares. Public transport will become more and more important as we focus more on the issues that affect our environment today. I believe that students in education, such as us, should be able to use all buses and trains free of charge.

Secondly, I believe in free school meals for students as part of a balanced diet. Obesity, is an unavoidable issue in today's society, and I believe it would be beneficial to offer 1 free school meal per day to students from a selection of healthy menus. No matter what your household income, I believe that young people should have this option on offer to them everyday of the week. Free schools meals for all, plus a valuable education in health and exercise means that we can start working towards a healthy future for our generation and more to come,

Thirdly, and perhaps most important in the grand scheme of things, I believe in the vote at 16. You can start a family at 16, serve your country at 17 and yet are unable to cast a vote in elections for a country you are very much a part of. Every single person in this room has their own opinion, yet is unable to express it until the age of 18. If elected, I would campaign for this basic right for 16 year olds in this country.

This senate here, is proof that young people do have a voice worth hearing and that changes can be made when we meet together to discuss the issues that matter the most. Please support me in my ambition to do exactly what you all do here, and pass on the views of many young people to the people that can do so much for us. Thank you for listening to my manifesto today, I really appreciate this opportunity I have been given to show you what I believe in.