



Kunaal Khemlani: President

I am in my 3rd year at City, studying Computer Science. During my time at the university I have been involved heavily in the Students' Union, specifically from my 2nd year onwards. I was elected to the Executive Committee as the Informatics School Representation Officer, and elected as the Chair. The experience gave me a strong desire to continue my contribution and I now serve as a Union Council member. Being an active part of an active Union is something which all students can benefit from; it's our chance to use our qualities to speak out in support of our peers and future generations of students.

Having arrived at a University right in the heart of London, I expected to thrive amongst the diversity and opportunity that surrounded me. Whilst in parts this has happened, I see an environment which could be so much more than it is.

Out go a successful team and now we face perhaps a greater challenge; to improve on a job well done, whilst facing the prospect of higher Tuition Fees and challenges in integration, whether it be of various faiths, different schools or the divide between Undergraduates and Postgraduates.

Why vote for me?

The Students' Union is yours – it represents your interests and by engaging with the rest of the student body, the experience is made immeasurably better for all of us.

- It's essential that you have your say in choosing the leadership of the Union, selecting someone who can be both pro-active and re-active to your needs.
- A good leader will identify many of your obstacles before you face them, communicating and preparing you so that you can not only survive, but excel.

I am confident of drawing from my 2 years of experience in the Students' Union, as a Part-Time Officer and as a Student-Staff member, with my time as a Student Ambassador also in consideration. From introducing new students at City during that daunting first week, to just being one of them and enjoying student life, it has been a privilege. The know-how gained has brought me to this stage, where I am determined to build on the strong relationships I have forged with staff and students alike. My campaign is not based on blind promises but on the principles which I will stand by, in your best interests.

Key Policies

Tuition Fees - Education is considered to be the cornerstone of our society, yet we are being treated as customers. If the cap is lifted on fees, the market for quality education will be closed to many more people. We can be united in taking a stand on behalf of future students. We should not need to pay for the right to gain a qualification which will help us to pay higher taxes.

Student Culture and Engagement - There is a serious and damaging climate of student apathy which I wish to overturn. By communicating with students more effectively and demonstrating how our unification can bring greater satisfaction and enjoyment, I plan to oversee enhanced integration between our clubs, societies and different schools; so that students can thrive amongst like-minded peers.

Teaching Quality and Consistency -The teaching on your course varies, sometimes too much. It can be confusing and you don't know why the demands are so different between modules. I will pursue emphasis on targets and quality, uniform feedback to help you understand what is required, before and after you do your assessments.

Access to learning resources - Struggling to do your required reading because you are competing with fellow students for books, isn't fair. You pay for better and with more focus on solutions such as E-books; you'll actually be able to carry out the recommended studying.

Catering - Remember that I am one of you. I know how we all feel about the pricing and quality of food. We are encouraged to review it and we can but this can only happen if you follow up your promises to get together and discuss changes.

Timetabling - Workloads can be too heavy, a more balanced approach to timetabling will see you all have the chance to focus on other things and have much-needed breathing space.

Religion on campus - I will strive to see to it that every student has the provisions to practice their faith on campus, with privacy and the respect of others.

Over to you...

It is important that you understand what the students' union can do for you over your time here. In creating a strong voice, we can demonstrate our expectations to the University and have a more productive dialogue with those who make the changes you wish to see.

This is your chance to improve your experience, far beyond the academic qualifications, and leave a lasting impression.

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