

	2022 Candidates
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1. Abigail Akers

Roding Valley high school

Reason

- I would like to make positive changes to my local community
- I would also like to be the voice for all the younger people in our community
- I also think that it would be a great experience

Personal campaign statement:

I am a very responsible student and always striving to help others. I am very hardworking and organised. I am kind and a good listener. I am also a part of my school's council. I am a good timekeeper. And I am a very honest person.

2. Olu Ayandare

Davenant Foundation School

Reason

- To gain experience
- To help my community and take action
- Empower others

Personal campaign statement:

I have dreams to be a computer scientist.

I would like to gain experience within getting involved in my community and taking action on things that need to change.

I would like to bring change and influence younger people around me to be driven and hardworking and not to shy away from their dreams and beliefs.

3. William Ayrton

Chigwell School

Reason

- To ensure Chigwell School has representatives for the lower years of our school.
- To protect the natural beauty of our Forest.
- To take an active role in encouraging my generation to take responsibility for their futures.

Personal campaign statement:

This council represents the teenagers of Epping Forest, yet very few know of its existence and work. Therefore, we must work to engage more with those who elected us here. We must begin giving assemblies and presentations either in our schools to engage our classmates.

4. Sonny Bazzoni

The Ongar Academy

Reason

- To create meaningful change for young people across the district.
- To work with partner agencies and act as a representative for young people to ensure that their voice is heard.
- To empower young people to take part in local democracy and understand that their opinion is meaningful.

Personal campaign statement:

Over the past 2 years on the EFYC, I have had a multitude of opportunities to represent young people on multiple consultations and boards, and it has been the opportunity of a lifetime. It would be an honour to sit for a second term.

5. Matthew Carter **New City College Epping campus**

Reason:

- I want to make a change
- to give a voice to the youth
- to help with are environmental campaign

Personal campaign statement:

I have enjoyed and have done so much with the youth council in the past two years, even so there is work still to be done and I am looking forward to another two years of making a positive impact in our community.

6 Sarah Chu-Foon Ref:

King Harold Academy

Reason

- For the opportunity to have a say in climate change issues and resolving them
- To advocate for change for the better in our community
- So that I can push the narrative young people want to be conveyed, ensuring our voices are heard.

Personal campaign statement:

I advocate for change and will work hard to ensure everybody has a voice. I feel strongly that the youth in the community deserve to be listened to, as our views can bring forth positive moments and changes. I will vocalise the opinions of young people in our area, and aid in putting changes for the better into motion, helping to tackle pressing issues.

Debden Park High school

Reason

- Be an effective link between school and EFYC to highlight issues important to my peers.
- To support current projects and contribute my ideas to futures ones.
- To work on personal skills such as confidence and time management.

Personal campaign statement:

The EFYC is already a strong institution but can be enriched through my ideas and contributions. The links between EFYC and Debden Park can be strengthened. I will also build relationships within the youth council and my school to help serve the community to the best of my ability.

Epping St Johns

Reason:

- I want to make a difference in my local community
- I want to help young people have a voice
- I would like to challenge myself and learn new skill and meet new people

Personal campaign statement:

I want to help young people in my community and make positive changes in Epping, addressing subjects such as young people's mental health and how local government helps. I am passionate about the leisure facilities for young people around the town. I am enthusiastic and keen to learn and contribute.

Braeside school

Reason:

- listening to the community
- child poverty
- keeping kids safe

Personal campaign statement:

In Epping Forest 6,155 kids are living in poverty. That's kids not knowing if they're going to be able to eat that day. To help stop the stigma with food banks we can set up fundraisers for 'The Children's Society'. I would also make low-cost recreational activities available for kids.

10. Scarlet Hinkley

King Harold Academy

Reason

- I will try my hardest to ensure that those of different ethnic groups and those in the LGBTQ+ community are ensured that they are and always will be accepted.
- I will hear the voices of any young person in the community and will make sure that they feel as though they have been listened to.
- I will strive to ensure that my school and many other schools have the best opportunities possible.

Personal campaign statement:

I feel I would be a good Youth Councillor because I am a great listener, try to help everyone and will strive my hardest to make everyone feel accepted.

11. Falak Hussain

Epping St Johns school

Reason

- I want to speak for those that can't
- To make a difference in our community and society
- To benefit & learn from being a part of democracy

Personal campaign statement:

I am a female Muslim of Pakistani origin. I would add new dynamics to any discourse. I have been intrigued by the way debate and collaboration are used at majority consensus for rulers in society. Participating in this will help me in my aspirations to parliament.

12. Kirill Ismailov

Roding valley High school

Reason

- Help the community
- Get experience in helping people for my future career in politics
- So that someone good is in charge

Personal campaign statement:

Community first everything else second.

13. Ahiyan Shah Kabir

Roding Valley High

Reason

- I like to take on leadership
- I want to give equal opportunity to everyone
- Inspire people to be able to make a good change

Personal campaign statement:

I would be glad to take on the role as Epping Forest Youth Council because I have quite a lot of experience with leadership roles for I have been school councils in primary school and to be able to inspire young people to do the best within them and I believe I can make a change to this community.

14 Sophia Khan

Braeside school

Reason

- I wish to voice problems affecting my local community as I want to aid and offer my unique perspective
- I am very motivated to make a difference to the environment as the health and safety of my community is something that I am very passionate about.
- I support recreational activities such as reading and wish to aid the local libraries, both public and in schools.

Personal campaign statement:

I believe that I should be an Epping Forest Youth Councillor due to my many ideas and willingness to follow through and aid my community. As well as this, I am a member of my schools eco council, which stands to prove my passion for the environment.

15 Zaynab Khan

Braeside school

Reason:

- To make a statement in our community, to change people's mindset
- To raise awareness for letting young people be heard for their ideas
- To work as a team, to make a difference to the world

Personal campaign statement:

I will listen to other people's ideas. I want to raise awareness to change to cleaner transport, to reduce air pollution. I will support local volunteering opportunities, to boost confidence and provoke caring. I want to work together, discuss ideas among us, and join adult councillors to discuss a wider range of opinions and ideas.

Davenant foundation school

Reason

- I want to represent my school and to spread equality throughout Epping Forest.
- I want to make it safer for everyone
- Represent my school and county

Personal campaign statement:

I want to help make Epping forest a cleaner and more environmentally friendly place.

I want to take action to help make Epping safer for everyone.

I will strive to make Epping Forest known for its environmentally friendly households and not be a wasteful district.

17. Fraiser Martin

Davenant foundation school

Reason:

- I wish to assist in helping problems with our community
- For the experience, and meeting new people
- To represent EFYC in everything I do for the council

Personal campaign statement:

I wish to make Epping forest a more comforting and accepting place for all the youth inside of it, I also wish to leave a hopefully good mark on EFYC during my hopeful time here.

Davenant Foundation School

Reason

- I have unique ideas and thoughts that could really help the community
- My father works in EFDC, so I believe that we can have conversations and really brainstorm new and improved aspects for our community
- I bring a sense of diversity to the table, I stand out from everyone at my school and it has really made me a better, more considerate person because not only can I understand the importance of variety, but I can also help and realise the value of togetherness and fellowship

Personal campaign statement:

I love living in our beautiful area, so close to London but right next to this magnificent forest. I really want to keep the forest looking just as clean and green as it was 10 years ago. I want to do as much as possible to stop climate change and to stop the spread of litter in our community.

19 Natalie Moffat

Roding Valley High

Reason

- I would like to use my skills to make culture and heritage more prominent in Epping Forest
- I would like to represent the black and female youth of Epping Forest
- I would like to raise the profile of young people and make sure that they are heard and considered

Personal campaign statement:

As a youth councillor, I will be representing black women as well as advocating for different cultures to make Epping Forest a better place for all people of colour and the Youth. The Youth should contribute to decisions that will impact us in the future because we are the future.

20 Alexander Montague-Patel

Roding Valley High School

Reason

- I want to make the local area a better place for everyone
- I enjoy helping others
- I am an active listener in debates and discussions

Personal campaign statement:

I should be the choice for the role of leader as I believe in helping the community to make it better for everyone

21 Bianca Nedelcu

Roding Valley High School

Reason

- I would like to re-stand as a youth councillor because it was one of the best experiences of my life; it allowed me to gain better public speaking skills, meet such amazing new people, from whom I have learnt so much, and I was also able to express my opinions on social matters, which I believe is very important.
- Being part of the youth council has taught me so many new things and I would love to repeat this experience since I enjoyed it very much.
- I am very passionate about relevant social topics and being in the youth council has allowed me to gain a wider knowledge of other people's opinions on these, which meant that it allowed me to grow as a person and develop my views and opinions.

Personal campaign statement:

As a youth councillor, I aim to make my voice and the voice of young people in the district heard. I aim to break the stigma surrounding young people getting involved in social topics. I

want to break the stereotypes people have of young people being called "lazy" and "immature". The involvement of young people in the community is very important.

22 Kosi Nweke

Davenant foundation school

Reason

- Because I want to develop the skill of public speaking
- Because it can open many opportunities for me
- Because I want to help in my community

Personal campaign statement:

I want to help the community to reduce the amount of litter in Epping Forest. Being a youth councillor could open many opportunities for me. I am confident and not afraid to share my thoughts. I love helping others and I would love to help Epping Forest be a better place.

23 Paarth Patel

Iford county high – Independent

Reason

- I would work hard to achieve the goal of making youth services within my local area more accessible.
- I would like to be part of Epping forests youth council team and be instrumental in making decisions that affect young people.
- I would work hard to reduce young people's carbon footprint and introduce sustainable measures towards protecting our future.

Personal campaign statement:

I want to help improve the local area by making youth activities more accessible. I am keen on improving Epping Forests sustainability and working towards ensuring climate change goals are achieved for the betterment of Epping Forrest District.

24 Martin Prinsloo

Davenant Foundation School

Reason

- To give young people a voice
- To make a change in my local community
- To end the old attitude of young people as useless

Personal campaign statement:

I am an experienced Youth Councillor and if re-elected I will carry on giving young people a voice. I have a strong work ethic and want to be involved with the challenges we face.

King Harold Academy

Reason

- To meet new people
- To voice my opinions
- To gain confidence
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Personal campaign statement:

I'm good at talking to people and putting my points across. I feel comfortable talking in front of people and I am sure I can put the youth's points across fairly.

Davenant Foundation School

Reason

- Communicate and mediate with my school and the Council
- Help communicate and mediate between the Youth and the Council, giving young people a voice
- Improve and contribute to the Epping Forest community

Personal campaign statement:

I want to help contribute to my school, my community and the Youth I am part of. I believe, as a restanding candidate, that I have contributed to the community and helped improve my local area, and I would like to continue doing this, and help with recovery and reconstruction after COVID-19

Epping St Johns C of E school

Reason:

To learn life skills
To help the community
To become a better person

Personal campaign statement:

I love living in Epping and being a part of the local community. If I am elected as youth councillor, I would like to promote local businesses and amenities, such as the District Museum and libraries. I'm an ideal candidate, as I'm hardworking and have excellent leadership skills.

Davenant Foundation School

Reason

- To highlight the issues in our local area and help to be a part of resolving them
- To be a voice for young people.
- To promote charitable work.

Personal campaign statement:

I would be an excellent youth councillor, as I could use my abilities, confidence, knowledge and my public speaking skills to put across ideas, important points and highlight our role within the community.

I received a highly commended award from EFDC in 2021 for my charity work I do locally.

29 Sydnae Smith

Roding Valley High**Reason**

- To make our area a safe space for those of different races, genders and sexualities
- To help those struggling with mental health
- To raise awareness of the impact discrimination has on society

Personal campaign statement:

As a youth councillor, I will aim to help schools and the council understand and deal with discrimination against those of different genders, ethnicities and sexualities. I will also try to give those struggling with their mental health a safe space where they can ask for help.

30. Stevie Snowdon

Epping St Johns**Reason:**

- I want to have a voice for the youth in my community
- I am interested in the politics and decision making that affect the local people in my area
- To make a difference to local people that don't have the opportunity to voice their concerns and suggestions

Personal campaign statement:

I would like to encourage equality over all genders, races, sexualities and faiths. I believe I can be a voice for young people and make beneficial changes for the young community. I would like to make young and older people feel safe in places, at the same time create a reconnection between the youth and older generation.

31. Tara Uddin

Roding Valley High School**Reason**

- I am passionate about contributing to our community
- To be an advocate for LGBTQIA+ rights and equality
- To represent other young people of colour in my area

Personal campaign statement:

I want to run for Epping Forest Youth Council as I understand the importance of young people's ideas and input in our community. I also want to be a role model and advocate for young LGBT people of colour and create a safe space for them to express themselves.

Roding Valley High school

Reason

- I want to represent and voice the opinions of those who are unable to
- I want to listen and learn from other people's experiences
- I want to develop my leadership and teamwork skills

Personal campaign statement:

I want to be able to make a difference in the lives of others, no matter how minor. I believe that everyone deserves a voice to speak whether it's through their own mouth or someone else's.

Roding Valley High

Reason

- Stop big issues such as bullying
- Make environments clean and accessible to all
- Make schools and education accessible to the disabled

Personal campaign statement:

My name is McKenzie Winslow I'm standing here representing Roding Valley High School. I believe I deserve to be heard and so do other young people like me. Not only am I representing the young people of our community but all the voices that need to be heard thank you for your time.

West Hatch High school

Reason

- I want to learn how to express my opinions and beliefs and gain insight into community enrichment and wellbeing
- I want the opportunity to help and support my community by working with the local police force and adult councillors
- I would love to meet new people and shape experiences that will be beneficial for my future and any future decisions that I may take

Personal campaign statement:

I will work hard to ensure that your community is safe, supported and encouraged with diversity and free expression. I will voice my opinions and ideas. I will listen to the public and involve myself in the community. I want to make an impact that will be beneficial for society, and especially for young people.