

Pendle

RON will be a candidate for all positions. Re Open Nominations – allows voters to state they do not feel any of the current candidates standing are suitable for the role and would like to re-open nominations.

President

Royston Bayliss

Manifesto

My name is Royston, and I am running to become your JCR President.

Was Pendle your first-choice accommodation?

It certainly wasn't mine, and yet now we approach the end of our first terms here, there's no other college that I would rather be in.

My primary aims as president would concern the hopeful return to some normalcy by the end of the year, in the wake of the coronavirus vaccine.

This would involve the rerouting of our parcels back to the porter's lodge as soon as possible, making it easier for us to access them instead of having to go to Edward Roberts Court.

It would also include the reopening of the quiet study area, a place easy for Pendle students to access to be able to study on our doorstep.

But it wouldn't just be all quiet study and no fun, I'd liaise keenly with the events officer and aim to put on some enjoyable socials. As well as this, I personally love the Pendle Bar, and would aim to get it opened on a regular basis.

I understand how important student consensus is. I think it's pivotal within a college with such a great diversity of nationalities as ours that the JCR hears out all student opinions. If I

was to become the president, it's something that I would want to take great care in achieving.

I am also not afraid to be difficult with the Student Union or the University itself. I've ran in two district council elections back in my hometown. As an 18-year-old canvassing for myself, I realised the wide variety of voices within the community and got to be a part of some great debates.

Alas, I didn't win either of the elections in my hometown... Third time lucky perhaps?

Any questions, you can contact me via email at r.bayliss@lancaster.ac.uk

Billie Harris

Manifesto

Hello, I'm Billie Harris (she/her), a third-year mathematics student and I am running to be your next President. I am confident that I have the necessary skills, experience and ideas to lead Pendle JCR through these uncertain times to ensure that we can represent the wants and needs of all Pendle students.

Should I be elected, my main goals this year are to make all Pendle Students feel represented, valued and welcomed in our college community.

In my current role as General Secretary, I have been working on **increasing transparency** between the JCR and the rest of the student body. I plan to continue this work by providing **regular updates on how officers are progressing with their manifesto points**, working with the Democracy & Finance Officer to host **Open JCR Meetings**, as well as using **surveys** to allow students to provide feedback and suggestions on the JCR. This will help to hold elected officers accountable - you vote for candidates based on their manifestos, so you deserve to see if they are carrying out what they pledged to do. These plans will also assist with the necessary conversations between the JCR and college members, ensuring that all students' opinions are heard and acted upon.

Another element I would focus on is **building a stronger sense of inclusivity in Pendle**; we have such a diverse community and I believe it is important that our events and campaigns reflect and celebrate this. I pledge to work with officers to create a calendar of events that work with and compliment such things as mental health awareness days and religious and cultural holidays. My aim is that, by linking our events to monumental dates already in people's calendars, we can help to increase the relevance and engagement of these events and campaigns, building a better sense of inclusivity in Pendle.

In addition, I will work with not only the Community and Inclusion Officer, but all of the JCR Exec to construct a **detailed accessibility plan** to ensure that all of our events, media and campaigns are accessible and relevant to all Pendle students.

To conclude this point on inclusivity, I will work with the Democracy and Finance Officer to update our byelaw to ensure that future officers as well as ourselves, are representing and caring for ALL students, especially those from more diverse backgrounds.

Whilst not being a sports player myself, I appreciate how vital our college sports teams are, especially in this current situation. Playing sports is not only a fun way to spend your time at university but is important for your mental health as well as providing a sense of belonging and college pride. I will therefore ensure that I do everything in my power to help sports teams get back up and running when it is safe to do so and help them recruit new members. I plan to do this by allowing them to use our social media platforms to advertise what they do, as well as **lobbying the university and students' union to allow teams to train and play as soon as possible in a safe manner.**

Finally, as the current General Secretary I constructed the responsibilities of the new role, Vice President: Media and Engagement, and outlined how this would alter the structure of the JCR. I am therefore in the perfect position to assist whomever may be elected into this role to make sure that content you see is unaffected.

I believe this demonstrates that if I were to be elected, your voice would genuinely be heard and that with these proposals I will help to make a positive impact on our college!

Thank you for taking the time to read my manifesto and please do not hesitate to get in contact with me at b.harris2@lancaster.ac.uk if you have any further questions or ideas you would like to share.

Simon Arnold

Manifesto

I remember greeting many freshers this year in Welcome Week but I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself properly:

My name is Simon Arnold. I'm a second-year Politics and Economics student. Respect, equality, hard-work and inclusivity are at the heart of my values. I also have the wide range of skills necessary to nurture an even stronger, brighter community in Pendle, our college.

Since the previous academic year (when I joined the JCR Exec as a Welfare Officer) I have learned

a lot about the structures within the college and the workings of the JCR; this puts me in good stead

to make practical plans for change. In our college, there are both visible areas for improvement, and

hidden problems. When I take the time to listen to the concerns of everyone, we can create

the
environment we'd all like to see.

Everyone in Pendle can rest assured I will, if elected, be tackling these visible areas for improvement:

- Maintaining high quality of **welfare support**, by promoting accessibility and outreach programmes – especially during periods of national restrictions, and especially **support for remote students**
- Securing **support for sports teams**. None of us know what will happen in the 2021, but having already had cuts to the College Leagues, I will fight for the Leagues to the best of my ability.
- Work with VP Events and VP Media to **increase turnout to Pendle events** and create more atmosphere – especially as/when restrictions ease
- **Bar opening times** (communicating with the bar team to make these regular and public) AND making **Pendle Rooms available** as a space for students, by reacting quickly to changes in covid-19 restrictions
- If feasible, advocate for an **Extrav.**

Those policies aimed at addressing hidden problems, with knowledge of the JCR and our by-laws are as follows:

- Host **outdoor gathering/social events**, if the weather and the covid-19 restrictions allow in

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- This will create a greater sense of community, compensating for some lost time in Michaelmas Term
- Create a form to submit **feedback to the JCR Exec** (within the first two weeks of each term)
 - By requesting feedback I hope to get better outcomes for everyone and increase participation in Pendle
- Ensure the **Pendle College Hardship Fund** operates in the future, by continuing the hard work of the current president, Lewis Powell
- **Change the tone of the College Council meetings**. [The College Council is where the SCR (staff) and JCR Exec meet fortnightly to discuss the direction of the college] By fulfilling the President's obligation to co-chair the College Council, I expect to be able include the student perspective to help enlighten SCR decisions – without detracting from what the SCR do.
 - I will efficiently pause the meeting to allow chance for relevant JCR Exec to speak. I hope that the council will become a more dynamic environment, better informed by the voices of students.
- Put the **green agenda** at the heart of decision making, by ensuring environmental concerns are shared with central university; the green campus initiative may be included in the outdoor events if restrictions allow in spring.

My policies are honest, practical and achievable. Here's why I am the right candidate to enact them.

First, I have represented student bodies at every level of my education and would welcome the opportunity to continue my journey down this route. Second, I am proactive in the face of changing circumstances, as I have proved with being quick to react to the lockdown this term: suggesting the “Who else does my hobby?” event, restarting the drop-in sessions on a Saturday, suggesting a Pendle Strava, and ensuring that the latest lockdown rules were shared. Third, I have always been a competent organiser, and it would be an honour to lead a JCR Exec team as devoted as the one I have worked with already.

I urge you to consider...

Do you want a President who will react and adapt quickly to changes; a President who will actively

listen and respond to feedback from students; a President who will forge a stronger, brighter community despite the circumstances?

If you do, then I would gratefully receive your vote and hopefully the opportunity to welcome more students to Pendle, our college.

Events Officers

Adam Gregson

Manifesto

Hello, my name is Adam, I am a first year Geography student here at Pendle, and I am putting my name forward to be a JCR events officer for the 20/21 academic year.

I am applying for this role as I believe the events Pendle is offering, and has offered, could be better tailored to what you, the college members/ students, wish to partake in. Hence, if elected, my first motion would be to send out a college-wide events survey. Subsequently, this would gauge what events students want, in order for the JCR and I to begin providing these events before the Christmas holidays, resulting in us already having some momentum when we all return in the new year.

Additionally, another key initiative I would like to deliver is providing events which students can tune into, and have on in the background, rather than events which students feel obliged to stay put for. In particular, themed music nights is one such idea which I reckon would gain a positive consensus from students. For instance, one evening, the playlist could be 70s or 80s themed, and another night, perhaps dance music oriented; on every occasion, the students could add their own suggestions too. Hopefully, this would make

them (the student body) feel more enthused and invested in the college's events, because they can make the events their own, in turn having their say, in an enjoyable way.

Evidently, the primary role of the JCR events officer is to orchestrate and host college events. Yet, if I acquired this role, I would allow fellow college members to lead from the front as well, and organise their own in-college events, groups and societies. This is in response to the student union not allowing for any new groups/societies to be set up, or even promoted, due to Covid-19 and lack of funds to go around. Therefore, as events officer, I would aim to give students the ability to get the word out, within the college, about any clubs, groups and societies they wish to set up. Even if to begin with meetings are solely based on Teams or Zoom, getting the 'ball rolling' now will be extremely helpful for when in-person activities/meetings and student union support resumes again, in the near future

When it comes to being an events officer, I feel I do possess some of the credentials, attributes and experience which would be well suited to the role; specifically, autonomy, leadership, commitment and social skills.

I developed my autonomy/ self-independence and leadership by setting up, as well as running, Oxfam Youth Ambassador groups at both secondary school and college. Over the course of 4 years, with the two separate groups, by doing bake sales, book swaps and non-uniform days, we were able to fundraise over £2500 for Oxfam's causes.

With regards to my commitment and social skills, working at my local Oxfam book shop for 3 years (i.e. working in a team and helping customers) plus doing Scouts, really made me more sociable, easier going, a better grafter, whilst also pushing me out of my comfort zone.

Combining all this together, my aims, experiences, and my characteristics, I feel I could bring a lot to the events officer position, endeavouring to do my best for every single student in the college, along with the college as a whole.

Thomas Whitfield

Manifesto

Hi, my name is Thomas Whitfield [he/him] and I am currently in my third year studying Maths. I am running to be one of your Events Officers for 2021. I have been on the JCR for the first term of this academic year and would love to continue to represent Pendle and give back to the college.

In my time as Events Officer I have had the role of writing and presenting the bi-weekly Pendle Pub Quiz. I have tried to make sure the rounds are different and exciting each time and I hope to continue this trend. In order to progress the quizzes, I will work with the new A.V. Technician to create new and interesting ways of delivering the rounds to keep the event relevant and to increase participation. A new addition would be adding questions on

screen, with the options of pictures and music, thus creating a more accessible and in person like experience for those attending.

Pendle Live is a usually a staple event here in Pendle. Therefore, if I were to be elected, I would work on finding a feasible way to host these more regularly online. Introducing some themed nights throughout the year would be a great way to increase engagement, showcasing more of the talent we have in Pendle.

In addition, I would also like to put on another comedy night. I feel it is really important to make sure there is some relief from the situation we are all in at the moment and this kind of event is perfect to find some joy and have a laugh. The previous comedy night was brought to us with a collaboration with the comedy society, so I would like to open them up to the whole of the college so that anyone can have the opportunity to showcase their talent.

I would also like to create an art event that could run every couple of weeks. For example, one concept could be to create the best Pendle Witch. This would allow us to put on a virtual exhibition of all the art and allow other artists to connect and discover new people in Pendle that share a passion for art.

Thank you for taking the time for reading my manifesto and I hope you feel I am the right person for the role. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at t.whitfield@lancaster.ac.uk.

Media and Communications Officer

No candidates

Welfare Officer (Self-defining Men)

No candidates

Welfare Officer (Self-defining Women)

Hanna Toth

Manifesto

Hello everyone!

I am a first-year undergraduate biology student from Hungary. I am applying for the Woman Welfare Officer role in the JCR. A little bit about me: I like to cook, hang out with my friends and do yoga. I try to be a thoughtful person and I love helping others.

I am running for this position because I would like to give back what I have received from the college and to get more involved in college life. I hope to get to know more people from Pendle. I wish to create a family-like environment in our college, where everyone can feel like they belong to a supporting and accepting community. I care about the wellbeing of students and I want to help everyone in this difficult situation.

I think I am qualified to take this role because I am good at doing teamwork and I have creative potential, which I gained through being part of a student company. I also know how to organize events for others, because I lead and organized a camp with my friends for kids from ethnical minorities. I also have a yoga teaching certificate and I volunteered a few times to help people with their mental and physical wellbeing.

My plans as a Welfare Officer:

- Host programs and campaigns improving our mental health during these difficult times
 - Making a social media profile where we can all interact with each other and where I plan to post things that entertain you and make your day better
- Making polls about my ideas to make sure I organize events/campaigns that you need and would like to participate in (for example through the Facebook page)
- Focus on both physical and mental wellbeing
- To be there for everyone who needs help
- Creating a family like environment in the college
- Working closely with other officers to promote welfare in different areas (e.g. sports and international officers)
- Deal with issues concerning the welfare of many students
 - Eating healthy - sharing cooking tips, recipes and inspiring others
 - Helping with sleep problems, trying to relieve stress and anxiety – host mindfulness exercises to help with these issues (breathing, meditation, self-reflection and short yoga sequences)

Thank you for your attention,

Hanna Toth

Isabella Schofield

Manifesto

Isabella Schofield for Welfare Officer (Self-Defining Woman)

Why vote for me?

I understand that the transition period can be very difficult. Particularly in terms of expenses, travel, making friends, and culture shock. Sometimes, the regular advice of “we are all in the same boat” is not affective or applicable. My goal is to create a space where you can feel trusted, listened to, and know the right action is taken. Whether you just need to talk with a different social group, take time away from the piling workload, or are struggling with a more serious problem. I understand the welfare support systems available across the university campus and will advocate for students to use them when they feel they need to.

I would make a good representative and strive for a safer and happier college environment. I am often described as a happy, smiling person: qualities which I want to bring more actively into the college community.

Depend on me for welfare and support. I want to make a difference; an incredibly active role would give me the knowledge that the Pendle community has a space to communicate your needs without feeling silenced by judgement, isolation, or not knowing where to go.

What I Can Achieve for You:

- Improved variety in Welfare events: some students may want something more interactive than a talk online. I propose welfare related games, meeting a small different social group, or getting involved with promoting campaigns.
- Set weekly welfare goals during the events to ensure the community is thinking about wellbeing between events. For example, willing students could track their 5 a-day once or write one diary entry.
- No pressure! During events, drop-in for five minutes with any questions you may have or stay for the whole hour.
- Promotion of Student's Union campaigns which affect the welfare of the Pendle community and encourage you to get involved.
- Create an inclusive environment and make social connections between colleges and societies.
- Updates to the Welfare Guide on the Pendle website as you send welfare queries to the JCR Welfare team.
- Determine the biggest issues on campus from queries and concerns, then ensure the right messages are shared and inform the JCR of any necessary changes in Pendle.
- Promote the welfare of the college community and motivate each-other through, or away from, this period of restrictions by working alongside the Media and Communications Officers in the JCR and making the best use of social media platforms.
- Ensure you have appropriate outlets for social and academic stresses.
- Give you access to a friendly face!

My Two Main Campaign Proposals:

- *Campus Cooking:* Focus on maintaining a healthy diet, and do not be critical of what you eat! Stress and lockdown have prevented access to many food

choices. Promoting healthy meals and a positive outlook on food may also prevent you from feeling guilty about eating foods with a stigma for being unhealthy. If you're feeling low, you could use their diet to improve mental wellbeing. This campaign would take place in the Michaelmas Term, so the Pendle community can settle into independent life at university. I hope the campaign will give you tips about providing for yourself in wider contexts too, such as laundry and budgeting.

- *Workload Wellbeing:* Two main aims of this campaign would be to encourage the college community to work together, and to ensure students are spending time picking up other hobbies and relaxing when they need to. Now more than ever, university life consists of "your office is your bedroom," and I intend to help you cope with overwhelming stress when work seems inescapable. If there are fears about returning to shared study spaces in the post-COVID environment, you are entitled to them. That is why I would dedicate my time and energy into a workload and welfare campaign. This campaign would take place in the Lent Term, as managing time is especially important in run-up to Exam season in the Summer Term.

What Makes me Different?

- Volunteering for Salvation Army - to a degree I have experience working alongside vulnerable people and communicating with others to promote welfare.
- I have work experience in community radio and would like to use this as practice of sharing positive messages to others. I am more than happy designing and contributing to event planning with other members of the JCR, and the wider Pendle community.

Vote Isabella Schofield for Welfare Officer (Self-Defining Woman)

Reopen Nominations

Manifesto

If you wish to cast a vote, but do not want to vote for any of the other remaining candidates for this position, then you can express your desire to reopen the nominations process. If any position is not filled by a candidate, but instead Reopen nominations is declared the winner, there will be a fresh opportunity for candidates to be nominated and the election for the position in question to be re-run.

Audio-Visual Technician

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Vice President: Events

Marc Dubois

Manifesto

Hello, I am Marc Dubois. I am a second year Mechanical Engineering student and I am applying for the role of Vice President Events for Pendle College. I would like to apply for this role because in my first year I was an Events Officer. I found this role very enjoyable and it was a fantastic opportunity to give back to the college, which is something I would like to do again this year. I chose to apply to Pendle when joining Lancaster University because of its musical links with Pendle Live which works perfectly with me loving music so much and playing the guitar.

Throughout the year I have:

- Written and hosted successful pub quizzes, both in person and online since the pandemic.
- Organised Pendle Live events (on and offline) and set up for inperson Pendle Live. I have even performed at them when needed (including for our amazing StayAtHomestrav).
- Created and maintained an online Discord server which has allowed for people in Pendle College to connect and form friendships online, hosting multiple games nights through it.
- Created and organised the Taskmaster event that ran through the two weeks before term alongside my partner Events Officer.

If I am elected again this year I plan to do the following:

- Continue to organise and help out with more of the regular Pendle Lives and Pub Quizzes online and hopefully later in the year doing them in person.
- Keep the Discord server active for people to continue using and having fun on, with regular games nights.
- Run events throughout the year that are online (hopefully offline too, if things improve) such as an online 'Improv Night' on Teams in the style of 'Whose Line is it Anyway'. I would also host more regular film/tv nights using Netflix party or with Disney+ in which you vote on what genre of film or show we stream each week.
- I would also like to run a 'start a virtual band night' where musicians in the College can meet up together online to form bands and make music together

virtually. Hopefully then the bands will have the opportunity to perform in future Pendle Live events.

To conclude, I believe that I will make an excellent Vice President Events given my previous experience as an Events Officer; I learned a lot and gained many skills, in addition to the challenges and responsibility of running events during the pandemic. It wasn't as envisaged when I applied this time last year! I have thoroughly enjoyed being part of our JCR team and would look forward to planning alongside the other Events Officers. My passion and drive is to set up events for students to enjoy, so that we all have happy memories of our time at this amazing university. I am always open to new ideas too, so if you have suggestions then please feel free let me know. My aim is to provide a wide variety of events, so there is something for everyone to enjoy.

Vice President: Welfare and Education

Lydia Bellis

Manifesto

Hello, my name is Lydia Bellis and I am a third-year mechanical engineering student. I would like to run for the role of VP Welfare and Education due to my personal passion for caring for others and making the most of the University experience. I'd like to consider myself to be an open and friendly person and would love to be able to use these skills to be a friendly point of call for what is for many, their first time living independently, in addition to supporting those who have been at Lancaster for years.

During my second year here at Lancaster, I completed the required training to become a peer mentor with the Transitions team, including training on mental health awareness, autism awareness and trans/gender identity awareness. In addition to this, I have also completed restorative justice training in high school, where I was able to learn how to handle sensitive situations with respect and empathy. One of the main things I would like to achieve is an increase in the engagement of the weekly welfare hours and improve the links between the college welfare team and the Transitions team, allowing for opportunities for easier referrals both ways. I feel that the engagement in the weekly welfare hour events could be increased by getting the input of other students as to what they would like to do and what would be most beneficial.

Particularly with the onset of Covid-19, I want to help promote the services offered by both the college and university to ensure students are aware of the help available to them, whilst also making them easily accessible and welcoming. Continuing from work previously done in first term, I would love to increase the variety of events offered online, catering for both introverts and extraverts in an open and inviting environment. The continuation of campaigns such as de-stress events and LGBTQ+ History Month are also essential as I believe they are really important for overall health and community spirit, particularly in a year where we can easily become isolated in our rooms. I would aim to keep college spirit high and ensure that no one feels distanced from the College, particularly ensuring those

living off-campus or at their family home still feel part of the Pendle Community and can participate to the same extent as any other student.

If the possibility did arise to be able to safely host events in person, I would like to be able to hold some activities which do not require Teams. These could be brunch and a chat, or a walk on the woodland trail as just some examples of ideas which would still allow social distancing. Highlighting the importance and impact of exercise on wellbeing is also something I would like to develop further, working with the sports officers to make an inclusive environment for learning new skills and improving physical and mental health.

I personally would love to be recognised as someone who is easy to talk to without judgement and can be trusted to be confidential and sensitive to an individual's concerns, being able to effectively assist with their worries whilst also being organised and reliable within the college.

Thank you for reading my manifesto and I hope you will take my application into consideration.

Vice President: Media and Engagement

No candidates

Democracy and Finance Officer

No candidates

Sports Officer

Megan Grace Liddell

Manifesto

I am running for elections to be your Sports Officer for Pendle JCR 2021.

I have been on the JCR for a year now, representing Pendle College Sports, and am running again because I believe there is still more I can achieve.

In the time I have been on the JCR, I am proud to say I succeeded in accomplishing an unprecedented online Sports Awards. This was a great celebration to recognise the hard work and commitment from both Sports Captains and individuals within the Pendle Sport Community.

I also focused on ways to reignite the communicative spark between the JCR/SCR and the Sports Captains/teams. I feel I have achieved this through both starting a Sports Captains

chat, which allows for direct contact, and through resurrecting the @pendlecollegesports Instagram page which now has a healthy number of followers and aims to be a dedicated space for Pendle sports teams. This has proven to be vital this year due to the key role social media now has to play in communication. Through this page I also posted the fixtures, results and pictures of the sports teams each week last year. As well as this I improved interaction between the JCR and sports teams by asking the JCR to support one college sporting match a week and this proved to be a great way to improve relations and communication. I feel that my captaincy of two Pendle teams this year, Women's Pool and Netball Rec, will only improve these further.

Unfortunately, due to Covid-19, both Pendle Cup and Warriors were cancelled. This was a gutting experience for me, as I had put a lot of work into planning both. I would love to be able to put on a Pendle Cup and Warriors during my time at Lancaster University and believe I have the prior knowledge and capabilities to do this, when the climate is safe enough. However, if the climate continues to be unsafe for gatherings and sporting competitions then I will aim to work closely with the Grizedale Sports Officers to put on a digital Warriors.

College Rugby has been very high on my agenda this term in particular, as I welcomed the new Pendle Captain onto the scene, ensuring he was apart of the various Pendle sport freshers' events. I want to keep pushing for College Rugby, so that when training starts back they can be a successful Pendle team.

I have helped organise a welfare/sports campaign collaboration for week 8; mental health and exercise. This is very relevant at the moment, as we are in the second national lockdown, and aims to recognise the importance of continuing to exercise despite it being easy to not even leave the house. During summer I also took part in a mental health in coaching course, that emphasised the key role coaches have and ways they can help. I want to keep mental health in the forefront of my role going forwards too. I will do this by continuing to work closely with the welfare team, and also seeking help and guidance from the LUSU FTO team.

One of the smaller, but still significant, jobs I have undertaken this past year is helping the teams out with equipment if they cannot afford it themselves. This included buying a new table tennis net, an extra set of college Dominoes and also re-tipping all the bar pool cues so that members without their own will not be disadvantaged. As well as this, I have had a pool table repairman come in to look over the Pendle pool tables to ensure they are not broken, and was pushing for the SCR to pay for a re-felting of both Pendle pool tables, before the first lockdown. I will continue to push for this in the future, as I know it is necessary for the bar sports community. On top of this I have worked closely with the President and VP Events to ensure the bar stays open on bar sports nights.

Finally, I just wanted to say that I genuinely love Pendle and the Pendle Sport Community, it has been a pleasure to be so involved during my time at Lancaster University. I would love the opportunity to continue to serve as your Sports Officer.

Thank you for taking the time to read my manifesto and to consider me.

Please vote for me in these elections!

Community and Inclusion Officer

No candidates
