

## Speech

Good afternoon, teachers and friends. I am here today to convince you all to vote for me as your head boy this year.

Sadly, I am not going to campaign for change and start a revolution although I do feel a chocolate fountain in the forum wouldn't go amiss! But seriously, if it isn't broken, why bother fixing it. Instead I will win over your support by highlighting the importance of togetherness and unity as we enter our final year of high school.

We are all here with great hopes for the future. As we aim to reach for the stars and achieve success, you must remember who was with you from the beginning. Around you now are friends, fellow pupils and staff who, in one way or another have shaped you into the person you are today – fine, young photogenic specimens. An important purpose of sixth year is to prepare ourselves for the unlimited and vast possibilities that exist beyond these walls and bring ourselves closer together as a year group in the process. However, whilst this is important, it is nothing compared to the challenge of planning our final goodbye - an unrivalled lad's holiday to Zante or Malia!

With myself as your head boy, I will ensure that each person in this room is happy with what they have achieved by the end of the year. After all, grades do not define intelligence and age does not determine our maturity. From test scores to snap streaks, the world in which we live provides endless opportunities to excel in many ways. As a year group, we must grow to realise the value of our school life, each day socialising with our friends in a positive and secure environment. For those of you who sit here today, who dread the idea of school and would much rather immerse yourself in the thrills and spills of love island, my ambition is to make sure that the school can act as the salt to your chilli chips, the chicken to your fried rice. This will allow you to experience a moment that makes you appreciate both the academic and non-academic brilliance of our school.

Over the years, I have been fortunate enough to age like a fine wine, with a year group, teaching staff and Catholic ethos that has encouraged success across all aspects of our lives. Throughout my time at St Ninian's, I have been heavily involved in the school, in particular with the football team. I have gained invaluable experiences playing and sometimes arguing with a lot of the boys in the room today, including most recently playing in the green smoke

of Hampden Park. These opportunities have provided me with the important social qualities as well as vital individual attributes that make me the best man for this job.

As we embark on our final year together, both as pupils and staff, there is no time like the present to unite. After all, one smile can start a friendship, one word can end a fight, and one person can change your life. Let this be the year in which we make a difference in people's lives, both in school and in our society. Let the class of 2019 be an asset to our community and a twinkle of hope in the face of Brexit. This year, I intend to make the school a place of continued learning as well as a strong social hub by organising many events throughout the year and promise to make our Prom and Graduation, nights to remember for the rest of our lives.

Vote for me to ensure that for each of us, that when the time comes in life for us to be thrown to the wolves, we emerge leading the pack, with the support of our friends, teachers and family. ....Thanks for your time, Thank you!