



Hello SSEES! My name is Roisin McLaughlin and I study History at SSEES and am currently doing Introduction to Politics as my extra subject. I am running to become the SSEES Welfare Officer for September 2010.

In my last school I took a very active role in the 6form in the school committees. I helped to tutor a form class, was a playground prefect ensuring students kept safe and helped to address student problems concerning their lunch time breaks. I was also a charity prefect and was active in taking suggestions for charities, writing the speeches and in the money collection.

I am a highly charismatic individual who enjoys meeting new people. I am always ready to help others and am often told I smile too much!! As a welfare office I would be there to listen to individual as well as group problems and would be willing to go for lunch or a drink with anyone who wanted deeper conversation, advice or a hug!

As a fresher this year at SSEES I understand already the pressures upon us to work hard but to also have fun, keep healthy and stay safe. As a

welfare officer I plan to achieve these goals:

- Use Facebook as a tool to make contact with SSEES students & set up a page to which students can express their opinions, wants and needs. This is a particularly handy way of contacting everyone informally & a brilliant way to help promote more activity and debate on changes we would like to see.

I would also like to set up events that could promote certain welfare issues of students, such as:

- Sex awareness – set up a fun evening out that combines fun with the serious issue on raising sex awareness – I would set up games that could be played in groups that promote safe sex, gift packs for people who attend, with free condoms, leaflets on safe sex and information on how to sign up to the UCL doctor, etc.
- Love Your Body & Soul – event to show students, especially Fresher's, local places that provide healthy meals, treatments for the body, ways in which students can keep healthy and I will try and provide pack with free Body Shop samples & recipes for healthy & easy to make meals.
- Loneliness– I know people can often feel down & lonely at University & I feel everyone should have someone they can talk to and let it out. I would love to create a group of people who would join me in speaking to others around SSEES, especially Fresher's and foreign students, who may feel overwhelmed or lonely. I would like to encourage them to join SSEES events, join the SSEES facebook groups and give them support while they are with us. I believe no one should feel alone or unwelcome and would make a huge effort in encouraging people to be aware of those around them who may seem lonely.
- Physical Fitness – Many of us at UCL end up joining sporting groups to continue our enjoyment of our hobbies. However, a large proportion of us who do not and I would love to set up events occasionally in which us SSEES students can get together and have some physical fitness fun. Events I would organise would be ice skating, paintballing & bungee jumping (YES I said bungee jumping!) and anything else people felt would be fun and physical.

I want to be someone here at SSEES who people feel they can approach, speak to, tell me their concerns and problems. I am more than happy to go out of my way to help anyone in need and will strive my best to push for what we SSEES students want. I hope you all vote for me!

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