Hiya! My name is Katya, and I'm running to be your next Vice President for Education!

Some of you may already be familiar with my work as **the current UG Student Representative for LLC**, pioneering a free breakfast club which has turned into a cross-campus movement. While this is my most visible project, **I've been working on academic issues behind the scenes for three years here at Edinburgh** – first as a Programme Representative and now as the LLC Student Rep. This means I am well acquainted with the structure of Edinburgh University, and issues which affect a high number of students and their academics. However, my experience also means **I know how to navigate the bureaucratic nonsense of the university, and how to get things done**!

My top 3 priorities as VPE are **supporting student engagement**, **encouraging greater transparency** across the university, and **advocating for curriculum and academic reform** where it is desperately needed.

<u>Student Engagement</u>

- **Continue to work on improving the quality and number of study spaces available to students – because how can you engage with your studies, if there *isn't* anywhere to study?**
- Support the creation of more school-wide student councils, allowing students and staff to tackle school-specific issues in a collaborative environment.
- Support the continuation and creation of more free school-specific breakfast mornings.
- **Advocate for a King's-style shuttle bus to service Easter Bush campus.**
    - **Plus extend the running time of the King's Bus, especially at the end of the day when it is particularly busy.**

<u>Transparency</u>

- **Advocate for a clearer, more consistent grading policy across all departments at the university**
    - **Additionally, have the average grade received for each course available on Path.**

- **Ensure timetables are released at least 2 weeks prior to the beginning of each semester.**
    - I will also campaign for the earlier release of exam timetables to ensure international students are not overpaying for travel, and can plan appropriately.
- Ensure that all subjects which require your own work have accessible exemplars with grades, and marking rubrics with clear guidelines.

<u>Curriculum and Academic Reform</u>

- **Campaign for the university to decolonise the curriculum to include more countries outside of the UK – with a particular focus on modern colonial states.**
- **Ensure that there is a 1 month marking turnaround across the university, with a focus on subjects which have midterms and finals – no one should have to go into their finals without knowing their midterm grades, and without having a chance to receive feedback!**
- In the event of any issue occurring with a student's work, ensure that the student is notified immediately to give them a fair chance to submit their work.
- Hold staff accountable for course accessibility issues.
- Ensure that *all* resits are returned to students, with feedback – not just a mark.

I've been Katya, you've been kind enough to read this (and hopefully vote for me!), and I can't wait to bring positive changes to the University of Edinburgh as your future VPE!