



## Candidate Statements for GBHS Student Trustee Election 2023

**Elections will be held on Wednesday 28th September at lunchtime in the auditorium foyer**



**Harrison Clark-Robinson**

I'm Harrison Clark-Robinson, and I want to continue being your voice. I'm running for Student Representative again because I want to give you a strong voice that the Board of Trustees will hear, so we can continue making our school the best it can be. I will be your voice and I will make sure you are heard. I'm a light-hearted and straight forward guy who believes honesty is the best policy. Your needs are my priority, so feel free to approach me if you have any concerns or would just like to chat. What would you like to see added to the school? I'm always open to ideas and more than happy to present them to the Board. And that's it from me, I look forward to hearing from you and working with you. Have a great day everyone!



**Yi Fei Han**

Hello again! I am a Year 12 student who is running for this role once more, my name is Yi Fei Han. My statement is pretty much the same, as I believe there is still so much we can do this year; let me explain. During my time at GBHS, I do my best to strive to better our school and community. When you think of high school, what stereotypes do you think about straight away? Popularity hierarchy and self esteem issues, bullying and judgement? Those examples are day to day challenges for many teenagers. One of the best ways to actually help fight these issues is voicing what we need done to the Board of Trustees. I'm running for this position because I want to make a positive and meaningful impact for my school, as simple as that. WE, students, are the future. In order for us to achieve the best possible - the students need to be heard. Everyone's thoughts and issues are all important, but sometimes only one section of relevancy is heard. I strive to bring ALL students together and have their vital, individual voices heard, from where the decisions are made. I want to work with everyone, I want to listen and give students a proper opportunity to enjoy high school. I want us to succeed.



### **Tom Anderson**

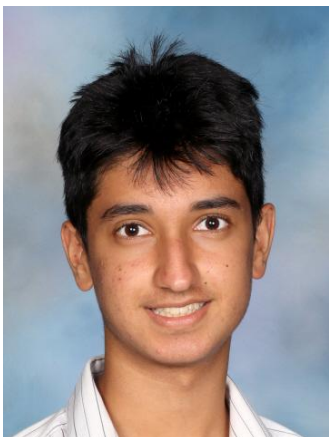


Hi! My name is Tom Anderson, I am Year 12 this year. I believe GBHS has helped me to be a better version of myself over the years, socially and academically. I enjoy talking to new people, consider myself to have strong leadership skills and I work well in cooperative settings as well as on my own. I will always be happy to talk to any student about their ideas. Outside of school, I love surfing and the gym. After high school, I plan to study architecture or industrial design at Victoria University of Wellington. I am running for this position as I would love to become more engaged with my school before I leave and be a voice for my peers. I think that Green Bay has a great student environment but there is room to improve. I would like to work with the Board to find new ways to bring GBHS students back into school and become more engaged learners.

I have noticed a stigma around mental health with our generation. I would love for there to be more help and support available, whilst also removing any “shame” of feeling down or just needing to talk to someone. It is a goal of mine to improve the quality and health factors of the food at the tuck shop.

I have been involved in a wide range of activities across the school and know a range of people. I think it is important for a student representative to be able to speak to a large percentage of students, rather than a small subset.

### **Armon Masomi**



Student voices are crucial to have a well running, supported school and having a student’s perspective on how to do better as a community to have the students and teachers feel more well supported. In my opinion, I have always been a people-person. I love having people around me and working as a team to overcome problems or making improvements. I believe that knowledge is needed to create a change, by listening, observing and really being present, a Student Trustee would need to be present and always lead as an example. Growing up surrounding myself by kids, teenagers, older adults and even elders I have learnt how to help and work with people of all ages in a respectful and well-mannered way. Although I have not been to Green

Bay for the longest time, over this short year and a half, I have made many connections with teachers, people in my own year and also people of other years. I have always had a passion towards working with others to make improvements. I believe that a student voice is very important, that is something I can provide for the students I attend Green Bay High School with.



### **Felix Left**

Hi my name is Felix and I am a candidate for Student Representative on the Board of Trustees, I am an outgoing, reliable and a motivated leader who is happy to listen. I am running for this position because I love this school and the positive atmosphere between the students and staff and I would love to help make this an even better place. You should vote for me because I will listen to you and make sure your opinion is taken into account. I can guarantee your opinion will be listened to and presented to the Board of Trustees who will use it to make vital decisions. With this structure I will ensure that you have the ability to make changes to how the school runs. I am very open to feedback, criticism, and advice and I greatly appreciate it. [felix.left@gbhs.school.nz](mailto:felix.left@gbhs.school.nz) here is my email address.

If you have any questions about my campaign or potential role as Student Representative please email me, I will respond to every (relevant) message. Thank you for your consideration.



### **Oriana Jansen**

Hi, I'm Oriana Jansen, a Year 11 student. Growing up I was immersed in a wide range of situations, experiences and environments that led me to see that perspectives, and the right to those perspectives, matter for everyone and are the most important right for all of us. I have seen firsthand the damage that can come from the mitigation of student expression and voice in schools across the globe. I feel that at school it can be all too easy to be sucked up into the masses and 'herd mentality', to let your voice become submerged in a large population. I want to make GBHS a space where all students feel like they matter, and most importantly I want students to be able to feel like they are making a difference, even if that difference is small. School pride, mental health and the wellbeing of students are things that I would like to focus on and support students with.

These issues need to be heard through every student's voice, no matter the opinion. I want to be there as a representative to listen. Listening and understanding is something that I do best and value above anything else.



### **Scott Morgan-Smith**

My name is Scott Morgan-Smith and I am currently in Year 12. I'm somebody who tries to involve themselves across the school and I love playing sports like hockey and volleyball. I am running for this position to give an accurate student voice to the Board and other leaders of Green Bay who steer the direction the school travels in. I believe I am the best suited towards this role and will be able to benefit all students with my actions assisting to lead this school. You should vote for me to improve your experience at the school next year. I will work towards raising student issues to the Board and I will communicate the Board's decisions clearly back to the students. If selected, I will be a visible figure in school life that students can approach with their questions or ideas at any time. If you have any questions on why I would be the best Board of Trustees

member then come ask me. Let's make 2023 a beneficial and enjoyable year for everyone.