The manifesto of

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Candidate for School Captain 2026 · Kindness. Teamwork. Leadership.

Fellow students: a captain's job isn't to speak over the team, it's to speak for it. Here are my plans to make our school an even better place to learn, play and wait for pick-up, and a timeline so you can check that I keep my word.

My three BIG PLANS

01 A better aftercare

I plan to add more value to the aftercare programme by bringing in activities on special days during the school week, to keep us busy and engaged while we wait to go home.

- For one hour every Tuesday and Friday, life-size board games that help us make friends and play together.
- One day of movie time on the big screen (a projector or a big-screen TV) in the aftercare gazebo.
- The IT department chooses the shows and educational programmes from an approved list, so movie time is fun and safe.

02 Water and snacks for all

It gets hot and humid, and every student should be able to stay hydrated without a hefty bill.

- Lobby for two more water stations around the school.
- Get new coolers, so we can quench our thirst without a hefty bill.
- Lobby for one vending machine in the upper school for drinks and snacks.

03 Student Social Day

Once a term, a Social Teacher/Student Day: a chance to know our teachers better, and especially to relax and unwind before the difficult exam periods.

- We dress down for the day and take part in hands-on class activities with our teachers.
- One every term, timed before the exam periods.
- No extra cost to parents: volunteers run the approved games.

Five ways to make SCHOOL BETTER EVERY DAY

1 Clean bathrooms

Hygiene monitors will check the bathrooms at set times during the day and report any messes or accidents to the auxiliary staff straight away.

2 Safer field and aftercare

Work with the principal and the PTA to put security cameras on the field and in the aftercare areas.

3 A safer courtyard

Fence the sides of the courtyard, so students sitting there aren't hit by balls or other objects, and so no one walks across the court during games.

4 Green Team

Recycling bins beside the new water stations and the vending machine, looked after by a student Green Team, with a class-against-class recycling challenge each term.

5 Your voice, answered

A suggestion box in every form, so every student can share their ideas, with an answer to every suggestion posted on the notice board each month.

Being honest with you

Some of these plans need the school's approval and money: the cameras, the fence, the vending machine and the coolers. My job is to make the case, work with the principal and the PTA, and keep pushing until we get an answer.

How you can hold me to it

At the end of every quarter I'll post a progress report on the notice board and on votekyra.com, showing what's done, what's in progress and what's stuck. If I'm falling short, tell me.

My plan, QUARTER BY QUARTER

If you elect me, this is what I'll do from October until the school year ends in June 2027.

QUARTER 1
October – December 2026
Christmas term
Listen and get started

- [ ] Share my plan with the principal, the teachers, the aftercare staff and the PTA.
- [ ] Start the hygiene monitors and put up a suggestion box in every form.
- [ ] Begin movie time in the aftercare gazebo, with shows chosen by the IT department.
- [ ] Ask students which life-size board games they want, and start collecting them.
- [ ] Hand in the proposal for two water stations, new coolers and a vending machine.
- [ ] Present the plan for the cameras and the courtyard fence.
- [ ] Our first Student Social Day, before the Christmas exams.

QUARTER 2
January – March 2027
Easter term
Build it

- [ ] Life-size board games every Tuesday and Friday in aftercare.
- [ ] New water stations and coolers in place, once the school approves them.
- [ ] Start the Green Team, with recycling bins by the water stations.
- [ ] Work with the PTA on raising money for the fence and the cameras.
- [ ] Our second Student Social Day, before the Easter exams.

QUARTER 3
April – June 2027
Summer term
Deliver and hand over

- [ ] The upper-school vending machine in place, once approved.
- [ ] The courtyard fence and cameras up, or a clear plan and date if we're still raising the money.
- [ ] Our third Student Social Day, before the end-of-year exams.
- [ ] An aftercare board-game tournament and an end-of-year movie afternoon.
- [ ] Crown the Green Team's recycling-challenge winners.
- [ ] My final report card, and handover notes for the next School Captain.

I'm not asking for your vote on promises alone. I'm asking for the chance to prove them.

— Kyra H. Smith

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