

Name: Umut Kaan Önen

College: Merton College

Position applied for: Scrutiny Committee Member

Reason you should be elected:

1. As someone who has served 3 years in my highschool's Student Council, and the President of one of its larger clubs, I have personally seen the impacts of members and officials not completing their responsibilities. During my time as a Scrutiny Committee Member, I will strive to make sure that everyone takes responsibility for their actions, and completes their duties.
2. I am sure that I will encounter cases from a variety of circumstances in my tenure. Some case will require me to recommend harsh actions, if I believe the cause to be neglect and dereliction. Others will require me to recommend sympathetic assistance for the individual, if the situation is caused by external factors (illness, mental health, unexpected and unexpectably high workload etc.). And yet others will require me to further investigate the situation and respond to its unique requirements. My experience will allow me to navigate this diversity, and approach the situation with the sympathy and seriousness it requires, and assist other offices to make the best judgements.
3. Furthermore, I do not believe the prospect of penalties to be a sufficient motivator for productivity, and will vehemently advocate for rewards and bonuses for people who go beyond their responsibilities, and work hard to achieve the goals of the Union. Justice for the officers, and justice for the students is of prime importance to me, and I pledge to do everything in my power to strive for this justice during my tenure.