

Student Elections 2024



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Why Should You Go For It

- Become the voice of the students at BPC
- Learn valuable skills for your future
- Grow in confidence
- Work in a great team and make new friends
- Take on new challenges and responsibilities
- Attend meetings, help out at events
- Have a big say on the development of the SU and The College
- Get opportunities to run your own events
- Get the opportunity to go to national NUS events/conferences
- Attend training days to learn new skills
- Gain some great experiences that you can't get anywhere else
- Receive a certificate, rewards and a reference from the Student Engagement Co-ordinator
- Improve your CV
- And most importantly know that you have helped to improve the College for future students



Positions Available

Senior Exec Team



Vice President Advice

You can ensure all students are represented across the college and work with the Exec Committee and the SU team to make sure that all advice given to students is accurate. You will work on an elected manifesto and make positive change for BPC students.



Positions Available

Student Officer Team



Green Impact Officer

Working within the Exec Committee and helping SU staff to develop our Green Impact strategy. Be the lead on new Green Impact initiatives and campaigns.



ESOL Student Officer

Responsible for working within the Exec Committee and SU team to bring positive changes for ESOL students.



Apprenticeship Students Officer

Responsible for working within the Exec Committee and SU team to bring positive change for apprenticeship students.



Foundation Officer

Responsible for working within the Exec Committee and SU team to bring positive change for Foundation students.

Positions Available

Student Officer Team

Inter Faith Officer

Responsible for working within the Exec Committee and SU team to be the voice for all students with regards to faith and make positive changes.

LGBTQ+ Officer

Responsible for working within the Exec Committee and helping SU staff team to make sure LGBTQ+ students are represented and have their voices heard.

Equality Officer

Responsible for working within the Exec Committee and College staff to make sure the students' voices are heard in relation to equality.

Community and Engagement Officer

Responsible for working within the Exec Committee and helping SU staff team to engage with the community and the students

HE Student Voice Officer

Responsible for working within the Exec Committee and helping SU staff team reach our higher education students. Be the voice of the HE students and make a difference.



Positions Available

Student Officer Team

Media Officer

Responsible for working within the Exec Committee with main focus on creating and taking the lead in all things media.



Advice Engagement Officer

Responsible for working within the Exec Committee and SU team to help create content for students relating to advice.

Making sure all students are represented and have the information from BPCSU Advice strand.



Mature Student Officer

Be a student of the age 21 years or older. Responsible for working within the Exec Committee and helping SU staff team reach our mature students. Be responsible for organising mature student groups and encouraging mature students to participate. Provide a prospective on the issues facing mature students. Be the voice of the mature students and make a difference.



Positions Available

Student Officer Team

Volunteering Officer

Responsible for working within the Exec Committee and helping the SU team find new and exciting way to increase volunteering opportunities within the college.



Fulcrum Site Officer

Are you studying at our Fulcrum site? Do you want to represent and make Fulcrum better for everyone? This is the role for you. Responsible for campaigning for change and working within the Exec committee.



Lansdowne Site Officer

Are you studying at our Lansdowne site? Do you want to represent and make Lansdowne better for everyone? This is the role for you. Responsible for campaigning for change and working within the Exec committee.



Election Timeline

Nominations Open:

18th September 2023 @9am



Nominations Close:

13th October 2023 @ 3pm

Manifesto Deadline:

13th October 2023 @ 3pm



Voting Open:

16th October 2023 @ 10am



Voting Closes:

22th October 2023 @5pm

Election Rules

The returning officer shall be responsible for administering the elections and ensuring candidates are following the election regulations.

- The BPCSU elections are subject to the law and college policies. Candidates and their campaign teams must not break the law or any college policy.
- The election will be conducted in accordance with the BPCSU constitution and the Returning Officer's interpretation of these is final.
- All students have the right to vote independently and without pressure from candidates or any other individual acting on their behalf.
- Candidates cannot vote on behalf of others. If a student needs help they should ask a member of Union staff.
- Votes are cast online. Any electrical device which can be used to vote will be classed as a Polling Station. Any signed area with vote here will be classed as a Polling Station. Candidates must not interfere with any Polling Station.
- The BPCSU and Bournemouth and Poole College cannot endorse any candidate and serve solely to ensure the election is run freely and fairly.
- Candidates Manifestos must conform to the guidance within the Nomination and Election Pack.
- Election rules are decided by the Returning Officer. Candidates in breach of these rules are subject to penalties as decided by the Returning Officer. Such penalties can include, but not limited to; verbal warnings, written warnings and disqualification from the election.
- Candidates may withdraw from the election at any point by informing the Returning Officer by sending an email to stewartb@bpc.ac.uk.
- The Returning Officer reserves the right to postpone or stop the election at any time if they believe the election is not being conducted in a fair manner.



Hints on getting some votes

So you're looking to get elected? Here are a few hints on getting your numbers up, and a few things

Seems obvious but telling everyone you know that you are running for the elections the better! Voting takes a few seconds of their time to tick a box and put in one of our ballot boxes or to click a button online. Every enrolled student at the college is eligible to vote! Tell your class. Tell someone else's class. Tell them to pass it on!



If you can make a poster, why not make a 'vote for me' like page on Facebook or twitter, perfect to add the link for the online voting. Make sure you are representing yourself and the college well and again everything linked is appropriate.



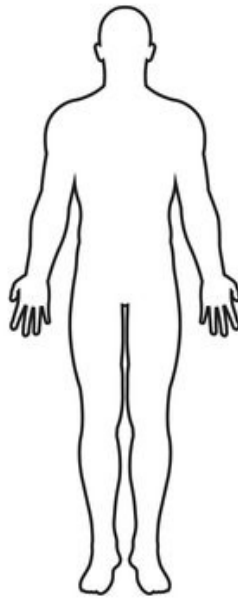
With our help printing we can plaster some 'vote for me' posters around the college. You can make it as simple or as creative as you want (as long as it is appropriate and non-offensive) full details in this pack.



Example Poster

(Name)

A photo of yourself—Nothing inappropriate



VOTE FOR ME TO BE YOUR

INSERT ROLE

(ADD ANYTHING YOU THINK WILL HELP YOU

WIN VOTES – WHAT COULD YOU CHANGE OR IMPROVE ABOUT
THE COLLEGE?)

You might also want to add where the students can vote at The
College and online so check with a member of the SU team for the
correct details!

**Most of all, get creative and show why you are
the best person for the job**

The Don'ts

The following has been tried, and then the candidates have been caught out and taken out of the running for elections so don't do the following...

- Reach into the ballot box and tamper with any of the ballot papers
- Take a stack of ballot papers, fill them in with your name and post them. All ballot boxes are monitored and all slips have to be filled in next to the box.
- Intimidate any of the other candidates or 'trash talk' them.
- Post anything online or in any other publication related to the election that could bring the proceedings into disrepute.



How To Nominate Your Self

Use the QR Code below to nominate yourself for one of the positions in this pack. If you have any questions or are unable to nominate yourself please contact BPCSU.

Email: Studentsunion@bpc.ac.uk

Tel: 01202 205 511 option 4



BPCSU Student Executive Elections 2023 - 2024 - Nomination Form

