

Hi girls (and boys?),

I'm Ella and I will be in Year 11 next year. I am running for Head Girl and make sure to watch my video! It will be in the next remote assembly.

Disclaimer: this may be just a tad long ;)

If you don't know me already, I run Acapella and I'm also one of the PE Ambassadors. I've been in this school since 2016 and it's been...fun. My mum sent me to Camden because of the quality of school life and the prominent empowerment of women at every turn. One of the many things Camden has to offer is the chance to be part of its Head Girl Team. As the school's own personal 'Parliament', students have been proactively changing the school since day 1.

In primary school, I wanted to be Head Girl. For the role. For the title. For the clout. I cared for my small school but not enough to make a difference. After numerous events, they ended up giving it to my best friend, Gwen. I can't say I'm not *mad* but I can say it made me value a job like it so much more. I also made a promise to my Year 6 Teacher that I'd run in my next school (aka Camden) but that's not my reason for running. Maybe just a little bit.

Secondary school is the most developing period of our lives. I don't want to talk about my Year 7 fashion sense but I will say that Camden has made me who I am. It has made all of us who we are and/or a lot of us are still in that process. Unfortunately, we are part of a generation that has been force fed the aftermath of previous generations mistakes. Climate Change. Systematic Oppression. Problems within Children Protection Rights. Sex Trafficking. Propaganda. Misinformation. Abuse in Power. The lack of support towards indigenous communities. Internalised racism and stereotypes. In a world like today, and I know everyone reading this knows what I'm talking about, change is not a choice anymore.

I understand that I have mentioned some very broad topics that regard the entire globe but it's the belief that one person cannot make a difference that prevents revolution. Even at Camden, we can play a role, a part, in making the world a somewhat easier world to live in. We can start this by embracing cultures more openly, maintaining our standard of how women should be treated, learning to have empathy for those in situations we cannot understand, and even understand what it means to respect and to be respected. A couple of my policies align with these goals. An International Evening, building connections with charities like Barnardos, Mind, Jo's Cervical Cancer Trust, The Climate CoAlition and Black Fundraisers UK. I want to make an active statement that Camden will be heavily involved in our community and our country.

Camden fundraises like no other - how far can we push it? Is there even a limit? As well as maintaining all the existing clubs and events, if you were to vote for me for Head Girl, I'd make a mark, that even though the world has stopped for a while, Camden will never stop. Along with my idea of having a second/BTEC Dance Company, for those who fail to get in and are devastated by it (I understand, I didn't get in in Year 7 either) and a Sports Day, I want to zoom in even closer on how the school will act to support each and every student's mental wellbeing. The first step to make

Camden even greater is: for everyone to learn to love themselves. Personally, at times, I struggle with this too.

As well as keeping up with academic studies, I want more of us to be educated on world wide issues and I want more political discussion in the main school. I'm not saying that Camden isn't amazing, I'm saying we can be even more *fantabulous*.

In terms of qualities, I am very organised and attend multiple extracurricular activities. I mean I *did*. I have experience in public speaking and I'm very engaged with what goes on at school. I can't count how many events I've volunteered at on my two hands but I'm glad to say that they were all very enjoyable. I also have no trouble at all championing thoughts across Year 7-11 because I have friends across the age spectrum. I want to see Camden grow more.

I understand that at the moment sitting behind a screen doesn't exactly feel *productive* or *lively* but remember we are on a break. This extra time for yourself is a blessing. Make sure to use it wisely. Or don't.

The last things I want to mention are the toilet locks and a journey towards a greener Camden. I know it's said every year. I CAN'T PROMISE FOR ALL THE LOCKS TO BE FIXED BUT I WILL TRY MY HARDEST. Last year, multiple changes were made in our role towards the environment. I want to continue this and educate more of us to take more notice into the scientific facts and what we can do to help.

I love Camden a lot and it would mean the world for your one vote.

Vote for Ella,  
There's no one better.