Member of Youth Parliament Manifesto: BAYLEY SOPER

Why do I want to represent you?

Passion. What our young people need, is passion; and I definitely have that. I have been involved in politics for a couple of years now, as a member of a party and alongside pressure groups, and I would love to have an opportunity to represent my constituency and further my career.

What could I bring to Southend?

Mental Health Campaign

-I want to continue working with the current MYP to further his mental health campaign. The fight is not over. I will fight to eradicate the stigma surrounding mental health through education. Through schools, we need to work on making sure people are aware that mental health issues spread further than depression and anxiety. These exist but we need to make sure our young people know about other things which affect young people, such as personality disorders, psychosis, and eating disorders. I want to make our young people feel **safe** and know that there is **somewhere to go** within school if they're feeling low.

Make Southend more disability friendly

Last year, December was disability awareness month. Nothing was done; not in youth council; not in school. I want to improve awareness and make Southend safe and **inclusive for all.** We need to make sure people are **represented** and **treated equally** within our area.

Improving Sexual Education

The topic of abortion is still quite taboo. The experience for young girls can be terrifying. We **can** help these girls. We **can** improve education and teach them more about a subject often avoided in school sex ed. Teach them where they need to go if the need arises, what happens during the procedure, side effects, the legalities, who to talk to and how, or whether or not you even have to tell anyone.

My Main Pledge

Equal Opportunity In Southend

No matter what ball life throws at you, **everyone** deserves and equal opportunity, and these campaigns are a step towards that. I want to listen to your suggestions so that we can **move forward together.**