



Vote Marco Mann for MYP!!

My name is Marco Mann and I'm standing to be elected to be your Member of Youth Parliament, representing my school and serving you. In the past year on the Southend Youth Council, I have seen the impressive progressions we have made, such as increasing our funding to innovate the Youth Council, gaining more and more active members and increasing our outreach in the Southend schools.

This is where I am most passionate. In January this year, I wanted to advertise our innovative Mental Health campaign. I wrote to every school in the Southend borough, asking for their students to become active and take part. I was delighted with the 1757 responses from young people in Southend: above and beyond our target. Your active and keen participation on your part has helped me to lead the way in improving the Mental Health services in my own school, a great first step to ensure that you get the support you need. It is my aim to introduce a well-being hub in the school premises; my philosophy is that every child should feel comfortable, safe and supported in school. However, as pointed out by the survey results, this is not always the case, and as such I feel I have a personal responsibility to ensure the right changes are made to improve this for all of us.

Why should I be your MYP?

Whilst I currently do my utmost to make an influence in the school environment, such as exercising my councillor role and working with my school's pastoral team, I only have so much influence. This means I do not currently have the contacts and resources necessary to take great ideas further and make a wider impact.

- As an MYP, I would be able to take the innovative work within my own school further and make active improvements to other schools. Building on the current relations I have with others, I would have the platform needed to make bigger changes. My school is not alone in needing improvements in its pastoral departments, as well as other facilities. As an MYP, I would have the influence necessary to work with the council to see the great changes in other schools that I'm starting to see in mine, so that in time, you will get the recognition and improvement you deserve.
- One thing that irritates me the most is when we have great ideas but no way to put them into practice. Whilst being a member of the Youth Council has gained us great recognition, only by having the responsibilities of an MYP can I gain wider influence and strengthen ties in the Southend Council and the wider community. This will gain the connections to do more great things for you and all young people.
- I've always believed that if I have the opportunities to do great things, I should seize them and put my full effort into everything I do. Those who know me know I'm not afraid of hard work and that I look out for everyone. I hope I have the qualities you feel would enable me to serve you the very best I can as MYP, to make changes, to make a difference and most of all, make an impact in Southend.

You don't have to feel like you're not being listened to, that no-one's going to say what needs to be said or do the things to make school life easier. With me as your MYP, I'll get things done and make sure you see what young people in Southend can do.