MKYC Manifesto 2025

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Books. In a lot of essays and personal statements, the topic of books, particularly a love for books, frequently pops up. In regard to me this rings true to a certain degree of vigour. Yes, I do enjoy reading; and certain books have held me on a squeezing chokehold from the moment I flipped the first page, however, that being said, my true passion lies with movies. From '*Indiana Jones*' running away from a boulder to the brutal critique presented by '*Paths Of Glory*' - I love movies.

From movies I have discovered 2 key fundamentals of who I am and who I strive to be. My first discovery was how important it is to experience life; in all of its vast vibrant ecstasy that it emits; to dive in and get enveloped by its many joys and tribulations. Now, I understand the weird, almost dystopian nature of how I came to this realisation; that is - by watching other people, actors, acting out experiencing life, predetermined by a script. Despite this, the concept stuck with me - I see MKYC as a new exciting step further through the staircase of adventure. I want to be apart of MKYC's journey, and I want MKYC to be apart of mine.

In majority of movies there is some obstacle or problem that the characters have to resolve and overcome. They have to face this challenge and in doing so they develop and learn more about themselves. My 2nd fundamental ,aims to push me to develop a love for challenges - I see it as a tool to progress and stay steadfast on the staircase of adventure. Challenges are an opportunity for self-discovery and growth. What fun would there be if 'Andy Dufresne' never decided to trudge through the sewer pipe, to break free out of 'Shawshank'? I am eager to face the challenges that I will encounter running for MKYC and, if elected, the challenges that lie ahead.

This is why I want to join MKYC, but why should YOU vote for me. Voting for me means voting for experience - years of being a leading member of multiple councils, running several charity stalls, representing form groups; year groups; Denbigh School and new implemented ideas, which today are integral parts of school life. For example, the wellbeing garden and Denbigh Question Time. Furthermore, voting for me means voting for organised actions, meaning that time is managed effectively, and a result is produced of high quality at its designated time. Every step is planned, executed efficiently, and refined for future improvement.

All of this said, I have my weak points, which is why I'm running alongside Annabella Hartslief. Annabella and I have collaborated on many projects, and we believe we will benefit MKYC most effectively as a team. We are hoping to carry the good work we do at school and transfer it to a greater scale. Many of my past mentioned accomplishments were greatly aided and done alongside Annabella, and therefore we thought to bring the best impact we can, we should work on this together.

So don't vote for me, instead vote for US.