My name is Joel Edwards and as student president for **Community and Welfare** I would like to begin my campaign idea called **Connection and Unity.**

Below I have listed the main 8 points of my campaign and what I aim to do to bring every section of the university closer together.

- **Course to course inspiration** - external classes focusing on bringing different courses together to help creative projects and allowing room for inspiration and relation between new students. I find a lot of people discussing the lack of connection between courses; by merging some projects together i believe it's an effective way to make new friends as well as build a stronger community.

- **Self-promotion through designated poster spots** - walls within buildings will have space for students to place posters, this way you can show everyone what you're working on, personal or course related. By doing this it can help with burnout as well as help encourage students who want to show off their ideas .

- **Designated art walls within University buildings** - the walls feel too plane especially around bank "plain", to counter this I want to allow students the chance to decorate the walls with more creative projects, allowing for extra work for students as well as making the building look more like an art university, this can help the community feel much more welcome. I plan to do this across several buildings that need some character in them.

- **Fixing the VLE to help people explore it easier** - as a dyslexic person I really struggled to use the VLE, so i want to priorities making it an easier site to explore, less info hidden behind folders and a better layout, so the last week of submission does not feel as daunting.

- **Talk time weekly presentations** – once a week students can attend a social space at bank plain to discuss what they're currently working on, this is encouraged to help those with ADHD who may struggle to stay focused on one project at a time, and by attending these extra-crit talks may help them stay on track.

- **Talking to individual students to encourage student voice** – I want to reach all sectors of the course and want to designate time to people within them, I will priorities hearing people's ideas and find ways to make sure they feel heard as well as making them feels safe by providing food and drinks.

- **Posters with suggestion boxes to help engagement** – they will be collected and I will do what I can to approve their requests., therefore showing how much i care as student president as well as helping students feel heard, student requests are my priority.

- **Increased outsourcing promotion across all societies** – try to encourage new students to take part in societies, may create a reward system for those who attend societies to encourage more people to attend, this could be going on trips with your societies or having physical rewards.

I hope you enjoyed reading my Manifesto and I hope you can consider me as your future student president of **Community and Welfare!**