

# Isle of Wight Youth Council

## 2012/14

### Ryde



## Aaron Wilkins

*"Our responsibility, Our Future, Our Island "*  
The future ... it's in your hands;

My name is Aaron Wilkins, I am fifteen years old, I am standing as a candidate for both the Isle of Wight youth council for Ryde and for the UK member of youth parliament. I attend Medina College, my interests include; swimming, History and socialising with my friends. In the future I wish to pursue a career in government at a local or National level. My passion for politics is only rivalled by my belief in the improvement of the position of young people in my local area.

We are the next generation;

In the future we will be the ones at work, the ones who are voting, and the ones who are running the country. Therefore we must make a change, because our generation will be responsible. I believe we have the right to speak out, to have an opinion in Justice, our health, our education, public services and our future prospects. I am passionate, honest, dedicated and enthusiastic and I will be the voice that our generation deserves. To make the changes that need o be made ... "I need your help. "VOTE CHANGE, VOTE AARON WILKINS".

What do I want to achieve?

If you elect me I would like to campaign on the following issues:

- Encourage more competitive pricing on public transport including liaisoning with Southern Vectis and the train service.
- Better communications between schools on the Isle of Wight to minimise anti-social behaviour, bullying and prejudice.
- Work with connections to develop a mobile outreach service to better serve the Youth population.
- Pioneer a new scheme of youth activities and cheaper recreational activities.
- An Island 'youth' festival to encourage a positive view of young people and work to actively reduce underage drinking and support for drug awareness.

My main aim;

To provide a voice for young people and to encourage a better general opinion of young people on the Isle of Wight.

We are the future after all!

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## Christopher Wilson

Hi my name is Chris and I like rugby and cricket. I am 12 years old and my favourite instrument is the electric guitar.

What is important to young people on the Island?

1. Fun place
2. Things to occupy them
3. Skate parks

What would I want to achieve:

To be able to let us have more bands.

Why vote for me:

If you vote for me then I will try and win the cases on anything. I will also listen to people.

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## Alec Webb

Three things that I believe are very important to young people on the island: Transport, Education and Leisure.

Transport is a huge issue, concerning price, timetables and attitudes of staff. If elected I would plan to meet with Southern Vectis and Wightlink regarding all of these issues and try to make a better system for island youth.

Leisure on the island for young people is limited to say the least and if I was elected I would meet with Local groups and councillors to try to establish more activities for young people, better sports clubs and facilities for other hobbies such as music. Finally education, it affects the majority of the young people on the island and yet I believe it is something we have very little influence on. I would like to change this by requesting more information from schools and providers in order to achieve more clarity for pupils, who after all are the focus!

I have already had a year in the youth council as chairman and would like to continue with the range of plans we have been producing and try to carry out new ones to the best of my ability.

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## Jacob Gates

My name is Jacob and I am Year 8. I enjoy playing rugby, football and cricket. In my spare time I go swimming at the local pool, go to the skate park, the ice rink or visit my granddad in the hospice. I don't enjoy staying in, as I find it annoying and boring. The thing I enjoy most is army cadets, although all the other things are cool and interesting. Army cadets have discipline and fun activities. I also have two brothers called Tarryn and Benjamin and I have a step-brother called Jojoa, a cat called Pepper, my hamster called Mr White and really nice parents.

What is important to young people on the Island?

1. Better swimming pool equipment.
2. More cadet equipment.
3. More P.E. gear.

What would I want to achieve:

Happier youth within the Isle of Wight

Why vote for me:

I have good ideas.

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## Clarissa Lander

Hello, my name is Clarissa Lander, I am 12 years old and I live in Ryde. I live with my mum, dad, sister and dog. I go to Ryde Academy. My interests are swimming, going out with friends, cooking and talking to people. I think happiness is important because if you are not happy it's important to find out what's wrong. If you elect me I will do my best to sort out what's wrong.

What is important to young people on the Island?

1. More things to do in winter.
2. Tackle bus prices.
3. Encourage more business.

What would I want to achieve:

To get more things for people to do in the winter.

Why vote for me:

I think you should vote for me because I will try my best to get what you want in your area to happen.

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## Jordan Westwood

Hi, I'm Jordan, I'm 12 and I attend Ryde Academy. I'm currently the secretary for the School Council at Ryde. I live in the Ryde area, my interests are playing the saxophone, football, sport, listening to music, going down the park with friends and sometimes relaxing while playing on consoles.

I feel the most important thing for me is kids, teens expressing themselves freely in a safe environment. If I was elected, I would probably try my best to get more youth clubs, parks built for kids or teens to express themselves and hang out. I would also try and improve transport and leisure facilities. So that's me, I'll hope you'll vote.

What is important to young people on the Island?

1. To be able to have fun in a secure environment.
2. To have the best possible leisure centres and transport.
3. To express themselves freely.

What would I want to achieve:

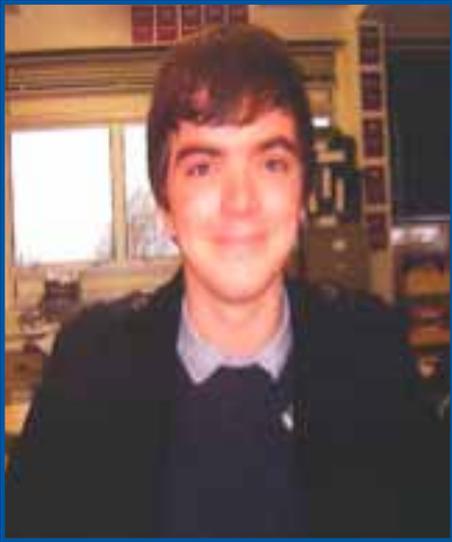
To upgrade leisure facilities and parks. To let kids and teens to hang out and express themselves.

Why vote for me:

If you vote for me I will try my best to improve parks, leisure facilities and transport.

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## Kieran Thompson

I'm a student at Ryde Academy, studying Biology, Chemistry and Maths to hopefully pursue a career in Biomedical Sciences. Living close to the Centre of town gives me a great insight and intimate knowledge of Ryde and its issues. A passion that drives me, is the want to help people. The Isle of Wight Youth Council is the perfect vehicle for me to promote the problems of the young people in Ryde, and so, make a positive difference.

What is important to young people on the Island?

1. Education – Young people in general have a want to become something. School being the ideal stepping stone for this.
2. Social – Many of the young demographic enjoy socialising, I am seeing?? a big sense of community for youths.
3. Family.

What would I want to achieve:

I hope to achieve a greater understanding and knowledge of the health problems affecting young people. Varying from STDs/STIs to mental health. This would increase the general health for youths, hopefully for many generations.

Why vote for me:

I'm a driven individual; my main passion is to help people, and to be a voice for the youth.

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## Bronte Debenham

I am a Year 13 student at Ryde Academy and I live in Ryde. I am currently studying History, Media and Italian. I am part of C Company 2 troop Ryde Academy Cadets and I have been for 5 years. I have been part of my school council for 3 years and enjoy getting the voice of the Island youth heard.

What is important to young people on the Island?

1. Improving routes and prices of Southern Vectis
2. Improve and develop recycling in schools
3. Improving prices and time of Island ferry services

What would I want to achieve:

Improve transport services for youths on the Island

Why vote for me:

I understand what it takes to out the voice of the Island Youth across to those who will listen.

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## Julia Banachowska

I'm Julia, I live in Ryde. I go to Ryde Academy. It is important to me that the Island is a nice place to live in and that people here will enjoy the time they spend on the Isle of Wight.

What is important to young people on the Island?

1. More buses – if someone missed their bus, they won't have to wait an hour for the next.
2. More bins regularly emptied – in some areas the bins are full and not emptied.
3. Remake of houses – some houses/streets are old and are starting to worn. I was thinking of renewing houses for a better tourist ranking of the Island.

What would I want to achieve:

I hope to make more available buses at different times so they would not have to wait for ages.

Why vote for me:

Vote for me because I have been on the IW Youth Council for a year so I have experience and I know what it's like. I would also like to make the Island a better place.

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## James Lush

I'm James and I'm currently in my first year at Ryde Academy 6th Form (Year 12). I've recently moved to the Island permanently while I am doing 6th Form, but I've been coming to the Island ever since I was two weeks old to see relatives over here. I know the Island well and have great friends over here who I've known for years. I'm really into my sport and play lots of different one's using various facilities across the Island like Westridge Golf Club and the local football ground in Seaview to play football with mates.

At Ryde, I am studying Government and Politics, something I've been passionate about for years and I also am studying BTEC Sport which is what I'm to use hopefully for a job in sport when I'm older. I am putting myself forward for both Youth Council and Youth Parliament as I am interested in getting involved in a local and national level.

What is important to young people on the Island?

1. The bus times and prices. I'd also like to look at the issue of bus routes, for example quite a few young people use Smallbrook Stadium for the gym and various other clubs they run there but there is no easy way for young people to get there unless they get a bus and then a walk along very dangerous roads.
2. Feeling cut off from the mainland because of the prices of the ferries. Also, think about creating more links between the schools on the Island and also between schools on the mainland to open more possibilities.
3. The youth not knowing what's going on with local plans, so I would like to publicise more to the youths in my area and hopefully gain my support for the projects in the process. Also, know publicity for sport in my area or in schools.

What would I want to achieve:

Make communications between the council and youth better and make the youth better informed about local projects such as Haylands site for Ryde Academy.

Why vote for me:

I will try and be as proactive as possible and will always be open to new ideas from young people and to talk to anyone about issues involving young people.

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## Chloe Trundle

Hi, my name is Chloe Trundle and I go to Ryde Academy. I live in the Ryde area. I like being around my friends and have fun, but I also care about my education. I love reading books, hanging with my mates, ice skating, skateboarding and a lot of other things. I love science and Japanese, because I am good at it.

I love swimming. Also, what I think is important is getting my point across and help people if I can.

What is important to young people on the Island?

1. Having a voice.
2. Being able to share their ideas.

What would I want to achieve:

To have more confidence and able to speak in front of people.

Why vote for me:

I think you should vote for me because I think I can help the children in my area who don't think have a voice.

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## Arife Sen-White

My name is Arife and I go to Ryde academy and I live in Ryde so I would present the East of the Island. One of my interests is reading a good book in my spare time. One main thing that is important to me is lower travel fares.

What is important to young people on the Island?

1. Being safe by having more Zebra crossings on busy roads.
2. Having lower bus / travel fares
3. Being equal as people would be safer being alike.

What would I want to achieve if elected?

Having lower bus fare because many people have to travel over the island by bus or train.

Why vote for me?

Vote for me because I feel I can make a big change to our Island, in a positive way.