

Sample A

Why You Should Vote for Me in the School Council Elections

Good afternoon, my name is Natalie Hicks and I would like to explain why you should vote for me in the school council elections on 1st May.

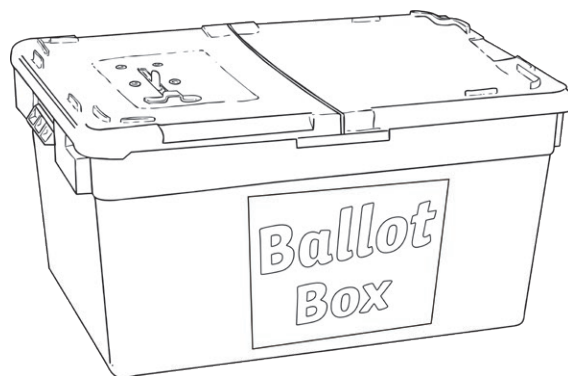
I have been attending this school since I was 5 years old so I care a lot about what happens here. I learned to read at this school, I lost my first tooth at this school and I have enjoyed every minute of my time here. However, I think that together we could make some changes that would benefit everyone.

Have you ever wondered what playtime would be like if the equipment we had was even better? How about if you got to choose how any money raised at the school was spent? I plan to arrange new and exciting fundraising opportunities and then ask you - the children - what we should spend our money on to make sure we have the best playtime toys possible.

Furthermore, I will make an excellent school councillor because I have really good ideas. I have shown this in my school work and in my enterprise projects. I know what children at this school want because I have a lot of friends and I talk to lots of people. I am good at talking to adults – it always says so on my school reports.

Additionally, I am trustworthy and honest. This is an extremely important quality in a school councillor. If my friends tell me a secret, they can depend on me not to tell anyone else. Just the other day I found \$3 in the playground and handed it straight in to the office.

I have explained why I am undoubtedly the best candidate for this position. I know the school, I have good ideas which I can communicate and I am reliable and honest. Vote for me!



Sample B

Dear Mr. Jones,

I am writing to you because I would like to see harsher penalties imposed on dog owners who allow their pets to foul the pavements and, afterwards, do not clear up the mess. I see new piles of dog waste every day when I walk to school. I feel very strongly that this is not acceptable and I would like you to do something about it.

Children especially do not look at the ground as carefully as adults because they are often playing or skipping or running. Obviously, they are much more likely to step in dog mess. This has happened to me several times recently and also to many of my friends.

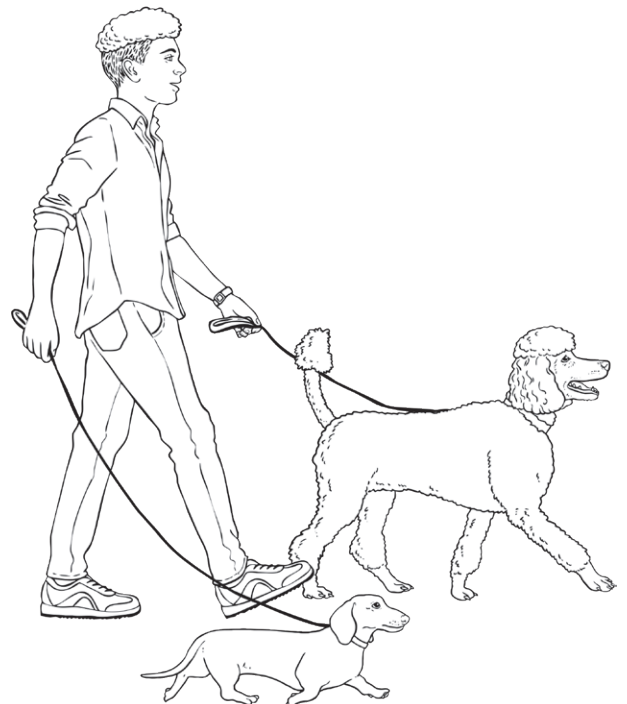
When you get dog mess on your shoes, everyone knows about it. The horrid smell makes you feel ashamed, almost as if everyone is looking at you and you often have to take your shoes off and leave them outside or run the risk of getting poo all over you when you try to clean your shoes. Why should children be made to feel like this?

If people choose to own dogs, then they should make sure that the pavements are left suitable for everyone to use. It is totally obvious that clearing up dog mess is just as much a part of owning a dog as feeding it or taking it for walks. If owners are not prepared to clean up after their dog, then they should not own one.

In summary, I am fed up of ordinary people, particularly children, suffering while they go about their daily business as a result of the laziness of some dog owners. While I appreciate that most dog owners take their responsibilities seriously, I think that those who don't should pay a much heavier penalty.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. I. Trodinit



Sample C

Why There Should Be a Match of the Day Programme for Women's Football

Anyone who likes football can close their eyes and hear the Match of the Day theme tune. They can hear the crowd noise, imagine the net bulging and picture the players celebrating another goal. However, the players are always men. Why? I strongly believe that women's football should be given equal billing with men's football and that would include having the same programme for women each week.

Women's football is a popular and growing sport and should be represented on TV. Football is the most popular team sport for women; the crowds at games are getting bigger and the skill levels are even better than those in the men's game. It is time to give women's football more prominence on TV.

Girls who enjoy playing football should have access to role models that can be a positive influence for them. Not many people know the names of women's football stars. If girls could be more familiar with women who had become professional players, they would be more likely to train hard to try and achieve the same thing.

It is hugely important to give boys and girls equal rights in everything. Females are paid on average less than males and are not represented equally in films. Wouldn't you like to have a world where everybody is treated equally?

Undoubtedly, the time has come to air a Match of the Day programme for women too. This would be the perfect way to provide positive role models for girls and combat inequality. The time is now!

