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Resilience. The word echoed through every media outlet and email about the current pandemic. It is a word I have had to face for the past decade and if elected, it is a word I will stand by and use to voice each and every concern that crosses my path.

It is obvious that this year has been less than desirable for all those involved within the university.

The relationship between lecturer and student has been pulled apart with each new restriction or challenge put into place out-with the university. Matriculating students and graduating students alike have all felt the harsh realities of online learning and a drop in student motivation has left a void in the university experience.

This needs to change.

I have spent my final year at the university as one of the class representatives for my fellow students. Through this I have had the chance to make their voices heard to the leadership in the University, get to know them on a more personal level by listening to their concerns.

I achieved this through the creation of an online forum for the class to voice their grievances and keep in contact with myself and a core group of representatives.

I would therefore, if given the opportunity, like to roll out a programme of the same calibre on a University wide scale and give access to class representatives, department representatives and full-time officers for contact with their assigned students.

With that initiative, I firmly believe there would be a rise in student satisfaction and a greater relationship built between the student and the lecturer.

So, when you vote online during the week beginning **1st March 2021**, remember:

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Vote for Ewan.