

# Milton Keynes Youth Council Nomination Form



This is your nomination form to stand to be a member of Milton Keynes Youth Council. You will need to complete this form and hand it to a lead teacher in your school before the deadline of **4pm on Thursday 16 January 2025**.

For more information, visit [www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/mk-youth-council](http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/mk-youth-council) or contact Lisa Thompson [lisa.thompson2@milton-keynes.gov.uk](mailto:lisa.thompson2@milton-keynes.gov.uk)

## Be involved in your local youth led democracy program!

## What's it all about?

Milton Keynes Youth Council (MKYC) is a group of young people aged between 11 to 18 from across the city who represent young people in MK. They have a two-year term of office, and the election for the next term is in February 2025.

## You could be part of it!

The Youth Council get together regularly for meetings in the Council offices.

- Formals meetings - monthly on a Saturday in the Council Chamber
- Action group meeting - biweekly usually on Mondays

At these meetings, the Youth Council discuss important topics, feedback to decision makers, work on campaigns and attend training.

You could also stand for lead roles such as Member of UK Youth Parliament, Youth Mayor, Chair of Youth Council, or Action Group lead.

To be a Youth Councillor you must commit to attending planned Youth Council meetings and be willing to get involved in other opportunities that always come along.

## What do I get out of it?

Being part of MKYC means you learn new skills for your future that you might not learn at school or home. These can be achieved through organising campaigns, trying to influence change, and helping young people in MK and the UK, all while meeting new people and having fun!

## Youth Council election process

There are 31 elected places on MKYC, with a capped number allocated to each school based on its population. It is usually 1 or 2 places per school.

- The nomination form is at the back of this pack (paper copies are available from your lead teacher)
- All candidates need to complete a nomination form and manifesto.
- **Send your completed nomination and manifesto forms to: [lisa.thompson2@milton-keynes.gov.uk](mailto:lisa.thompson2@milton-keynes.gov.uk)**
- By no later than **4pm Thursday 16 January 2025**, late forms will not be accepted.

Your manifesto will be published on the Milton Keynes City Council website and displayed in your school for those who will be voting to read and consider their candidates. All young people voting will receive a ballot paper on polling day to elect their chosen candidate(s) in their school.

Successful candidates will be invited to a ceremony and a residential stay as part of an induction to the youth council.

## Election dates and results

- Nominations will commence from **18 November 2024 to Thursday 16 January 2025**
- Candidates campaign period is from **Monday 20 January to Tuesday 4 February 2025** (Teachers and Democratic services will support you through this process)
- Polling day is on, or around **Wednesday 5 February 2025** (depending on individual schools)
- Election results to be announced by Democratic Services on **Friday 7 February 2025**

### Manifesto support.

MKCC Democratic Services can support with manifesto writing. Drop into a session at Civic, 1 Saxon Gate East, MK9 3EJ. 5pm to 6pm on:

- Monday 9 December 2024 in Room 1.20
- Wednesday 8 January 2025 in Room 1.17

## How to complete your nomination form?

Follow these three steps to complete your nomination form.

### Step 1 and 2 – Candidate information and parent consent

Complete the candidate information and contact details. We will use this detail to contact you through the process, should you be elected. Your contact details and address will not be published anywhere.

### Step 3 – Your Manifesto

Please answer the questions about why you should be elected to Milton Keynes Youth Council. You could add any skills and experience you think make you particularly suited for the role.

Remember to keep within the 400-word limit and it **MUST be typed**.

Your school and Democratic Services can provide support sessions to help you complete your manifesto.

### Step 4 – Approving your nomination form.

- 1) Your parent or guardian will need to consent to you standing for the Youth Council
- 2) You will also need 10 pupils from your school to endorse you, this is also done by signature.
- 3) Finally, your head or lead teacher will need to approve your nomination form by signing your completed form.

## Which teachers should you ask for help?

Talk to your lead teacher if you're not sure about what to do, or you want advice. Your lead teacher will need to sign this form.

School	Lead Teacher	School	Lead Teacher
Denbigh School	Mr Jon Burgess	St Paul's Catholic School	Mrs Laurie Markatos
Glebe Farm School	Mrs Sherine Swan	Stantonbury School	Miss Lorellie Canning
Kents Hill Park School	Mrs Holt	Sir Herbert Leon Academy	Mr Read
Lord Grey Academy	Mrs Hannah Loveland	The Hazeley Academy	Mrs McKenzie
Oakgrove School	Mr Tett	The Milton Keynes Academy	Mrs Sangeeta Shergill
Ousedale School Newport Pagnell Campus	Mrs Clare Penny	The Radcliffe School	Mr Steve Truan
Ousedale School Olney Campus	Mrs Amanda Powell	Walton High Academy Walnut Tree Campus	Mrs Lemara Raven
Shenley Brook End School	Mrs Osei-Tutu	Walton High Academy Brooklands Campus	Mr Kevin Buxton
Watling Academy	Mr Gibbs		

## Final checks

Before submitting your nomination form, make sure:

- You have 10 signatures from pupils from your school, who endorse you.
- A teacher must sign your **completed** nomination form.
- A parent or guardian will need to consent to you standing for Youth Council.
- Send your manifesto back with this form.

## Where to send your completed form?

Completed nomination forms should be submitted (with your manifesto, either to your head teacher or emailed directly to: [lisa.thompson2@milton-keynes.gov.uk](mailto:lisa.thompson2@milton-keynes.gov.uk)

## What if I do not get elected or I don't want to stand, but still want to be part of MKYC?

Even if you don't want to stand for election, or aren't successful, you can use your voice and be part of the processes to make change for the better by shaping MKYC campaigns and other important decisions by taking part in **action group meetings or coming along to watch formal meetings.**

These sessions are open to all young people aged 11-18yrs, who live in Milton Keynes. These will be held at the Civic Offices every few weeks on a weekday evening. Formal meetings are usually the first Saturday of the month.

Please view our webpage for an updated timetable of dates, times, and meeting agenda.

You will need to sign up to attend these meeting and this form can be found on our webpage

[www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2022-12/AG%20-%20YP\\_Parental\\_Consent.doc](http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2022-12/AG%20-%20YP_Parental_Consent.doc).



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## Candidate Nomination Form

### Step 1: Candidates information and contact details.

First name:	
Surname:	
Date of Birth:	Age:
Address:	
	Postcode:
Mobile:	Home Telephone:
Email:	
Gender:	School:
Disability / Learning needs:	

### Step 2: Consent

We require a parent or carers permission for you to stand as a candidate for youth council.

Parent or Guardian consent and information	
Name:	
Email:	
Phone number:	
Signature:	Date:

### Data Protection Privacy Statement

We collect and use this information about you so that we can provide communications services under Data Protection Laws and for safeguarding purposes.

Full details about how we use this data and the rights you have around this can be found at [www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/privacy](http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/privacy).

## Manifesto

### Step 3: Your Manifesto

Your manifesto should be no more than 400 words and must be typed. This is your opportunity to let young people voting, know what you think and why you would be a good MKYC representative. This is what young people will read when deciding which candidate(s) to vote for.

**It's important that your manifesto is an electronic document and includes your name and the name of your school. Send it with your signed nomination form.**

#### What to put in your manifesto

Your Name:

School name:

#### Things you can put in your manifesto.

1. Some information about your interests
2. Why you want to be on the youth council
3. How will you make sure you have the time to attend meetings
4. Issues that you think are important to young people and what you think should change

## Signatures

### Step 4 – Approving your nomination form.

You'll need to ask people to support your nomination. Follow the steps below to ensure you form is completed correctly.

- Your parent or guardian will need sign the consent form.
- You will also need 10 pupils from your school to endorse you, this is also done by signature.
- Finally, your head or lead teacher will need to approve your nomination form by signing your completed form.

Name of the fellow pupil who endorse you:		Signature
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Name of Teacher:		