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<b>Name of Academy</b>	<b>OSSMA</b>	<b>OAT Region</b>	<b>North</b>

**An introduction about me**

I'm Charlie Berrisford, and I'm here today offering a chance for representation for all students. Before I tell you little more about myself, I'd like to take this opportunity to express how thankful I am for this chance to represent our amazing school to the rest of the country, and let's be honest, while the staff make the school amazing, I think us student are pretty amazing too!. Like many of you, I have many interests both inside and outside of school. I enjoy participating in STEM activities, such as STEM fest (run by the Ormiston Academies' Trust) and other activities such as year 7/8 Science club. I also help in the LRC (the library), and have been dedicated to this since I joined the school. Outside of school, I am a member of the scouts association, and I have received my Bronze and Silver Chief Scouts Awards, and I'm currently working towards my Gold.



**What are your top 3 issues that you and/or your peers feel passionate about to work on in RSV and NSV?**

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| 1. Promoting Stem Careers | 2. Promoting Positive Mental Health | 3. Promoting sustainability and making the school more eco-friendly |
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**Candidate written speech**

Hello fellow students, teachers and all members of the faculty,  
 The main areas I want to address as a potential candidate are the following: promoting positive mental health, encouraging sustainability and promoting STEM Careers. You may be thinking that these ideas are all unrelated, however I believe that these are all the most important and relevant areas for our school.  
 I'd like to start by saying that positive mental health is crucial for students across the country, and I believe it is a topic that should be talked about more openly. One in three people in the UK experience mental health problems at some point in their lives, and a staggering one in five young people are currently experiencing some form of metal health problem. For many, exams and school can be contributing factors, so having support in school can make so much difference. This is why I believe that promoting positive mental health and growth mindset is imperative for the school and students.  
 Furthermore, connecting the school with the wider community could further improve mental health of students, as well as reducing loneliness outside of school.  
 Another thing I believe is worth addressing is sustainability in our school. Currently, we have no forms of recycling in OSSMA, however this is an issue I am extremely passionate about, and I'm sure many of you are too! The Climate Crisis is a hotly debated topic; with global warming causing natural disasters and animals losing their habitats due to deforestation, we simply cannot ignore this! And while we can't solve all these problems ourselves overnight, we can put in effort as a school to help – and that's really what we need, everyone uniting to overcome the challenges currently facing our generation.  
 Last, but certainly not least, I would like to promote Careers in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math). It's an acknowledged fact that there is a shortage of people in STEM careers currently in the UK. You may want to be the next pioneering scientist, the first person to walk on Mars, or a brilliant mathematician – the possibilities are endless! As I have mentioned, I enjoy participating in STEM activities in school, and I know many of my peers do too. The opportunities in this field are infinite and unique to any other sector, so I believe in promoting this as much as possible, and, honestly, this is where I want my career to go to.  
 You should vote for me as the KS3 Regional Student Voice Representative because I am proud to be a student at Ormiston Sir Stanley Matthews Academy, and I am passionate about the topics discussed in my speech: positive mental health, sustainability in school, and promoting careers in STEM. If you vote for me, I promise to represent our incredible school and show how brilliant we are! Ask yourself, if not me, who? If not now, when?  
 Cast Your Vote!

