

The Leadership Dates & Deadlines 2025

Nominations Open

When is it?	What is it?	What do I need to do?
1 st of April @ 10am	When any current student can put their name forward for roles in the Leadership Race	Go to staffsunion.com and be eligible to vote! Check if you can at www.staffsunion.com/canivote

Nominations Close

When is it?	What is it?	What do I need to do?
13 th of April @ Midnight	When students can no longer step forward to run in the Leadership Race	Get your nomination in before the deadline – we do stick to it!

Electoral Roll Close

When is it?	What is it?	What do I need to do?
13 th of April @ Midnight pm	When our list of students eligible to vote is “frozen”. This is also when student group memberships are taken off-sale.	Provided you have met the nomination deadline and were a current student at that time – nothing!

Officer Candidates Only – Mandatory Campaign Briefing

When is it?	What is it?	What do I need to do?
14 th of April @ 16:00pm	A briefing on the role, election rules and campaigning for all Officer candidates to make sure you are equipped and excited for this unique role.	Attend. You don't need to prepare or bring anything, but you do need to engage in person. <i>If you do not attend, you will be disqualified from the election so contact Student Voice ASAP if you have clash!</i>

Officer Candidates Only - Promo Deadline

When is it?	What is it?	What do I need to do?
22 nd of April @ 10am	This is when we need to have your headline information to promote you across campuses via print, digital screens, and online content. This will need to include a poster design if you want 10 A3 posters printed!	Upload a photo, slogan and your 3 key goals to the manifesto webpage or Leadership Race SharePoint <i>before</i> the deadline.

Manifesto Deadline

When is it?	What is it?	What do I need to do?
22 nd of April @ 10am	This is when you will no longer be able to edit your manifesto on the Union website.	Upload a photo, slogan and your 300 words on what you want to make happen if you're elected to the Union website, <i>before</i> the deadline

Candidate Q&A Events

When is it?	What is it?	What do I need to do?
Q&A 1 – 22 nd 13-15pm Q&A 2 – 23 rd 15 – 17pm Q&A 3 – 24 th 13-15pm	Students' opportunity to learn more about their Officer Team candidates and hear them answer questions submitted by students. This year we will be filming answers to questions and posting them to social media instead of a live event. More briefing info will be available before the filming occurs.	Officer team Candidates: Come prepared to share and discuss your key talking points from your manifesto at one of these events. Other Candidates: submit a question to the Voice Team, come along, or watch online!

The Campaign Dash

When is it?	What is it?	What do I need to do?
28 th of April 10-12	A nice "start of the Race" photo opportunity for Officer Team candidates to "dash" out into campus and launch their campaigns!	Officer team Candidates: Arrive at The Union (College Rd) or ask a friend or campaign team member to be there on your behalf Other candidates: come along and meet your candidates!

Voting Open

When is it?	What is it?	What do I need to do?
29 th of April @ 9am	This is when online voting ("polls") opens via the Union website.	Vote (yes you can vote for yourself) and encourage others to, too! Remember you can choose as many candidates as you like, in order of preference.

Voting Closes

When is it?	What is it?	What do I need to do?
1 st of May @ midnight	When online voting closes and students can no longer cast their votes.	Get your vote in before the polls close!

Officer Team & Department Rep Candidates Only - Expenditure Deadline

When is it?	What is it?	What do I need to do?
2 nd of May @ 12	This is date and time you need to declare what you spent you election budget on for scrutiny by others.	Meet the deadline – if you don't, you will be disqualified from the election!

Results Announcement

When is it?	What is it?	What do I need to do?
2 nd of May from 5:30pm onwards	Where your Students' Union will announce who has been elected to position as the next year's Officer Team – as well as all the other roles up for grabs	Turn up and breathe! Whether elected or not, this is a celebration of everyone's hard work during the Leadership Race.

Initial Student Leader Induction Training

When is it?	What is it?	What do I need to do?
TBC @ TBC	An opportunity for all those students elected to Leadership role to meet each other and get a basic introduction to their roles and responsibilities	Turn up ready to learn! At the moment we are planning a morning or afternoon session (not full day), so please let us know ASAP if you will not be able to attend.