

I'm Miller Bowes and I am running to be your Member of Youth Parliament (MYP) for Cumberland. Our voice needs to be massive and I'm prepared to make that happen.

Through currently doing my Duke of Edinburgh Award, I have developed resilience, teamwork, and a strong commitment to serving others. The experience challenged me to step outside my comfort zone and give back to the community. These are things I will bring to this role.

Action Over Awareness: Real Mental Health Access.

We all know mental health matters, but knowing isn't enough when getting help feels too awkward or embarrassing. I'm campaigning for mental health support in our schools that respects our privacy. Simple solutions, like putting QR codes as portals to internal and external mental health support. This would be as obvious as outside school gates to as private as on the back of toilet doors. This will provide students with a safe, reliable lifeline to the support they need

Putting West Cumberland on the Map

Over 20 million people visit the Lake District every year, but West Cumberland is often overlooked. I want to create free, fun events. From beach sports and clean-ups to harbour festivals and outdoor challenges: enabling the west with more opportunities. This would be funded by raising money through local businesses, councils and charities: putting it back into our community.

Real Skills for the Real World:

School prepares us for exams, but it often leaves us unprepared for adulthood. As your MYP, I will campaign to modernise our Personal Development (PD) lessons so they teach what we need to know. From financial independence and understanding taxes to basic employment skills. I want to ensure every student in Cumberland knows practical tools to prepare them for the future.

If you want a Member of Youth Parliament who will advocate for positive change and challenge real issues:

Vote Miller Bowes.

Thank you for reading my manifesto