

Kiron Ramdewar's Manifesto

A fresh face:

- 1st Year English and American Studies student.
- Current writer for The Ripple, writing the 'Games' section 07/08.
- Have shown and handled deadlines and key responsible positions such as deputy head boy and student ambassador within educational past.

Ideas:

- As a 1st Year I have many new ideas, fresh for the newspaper and have not fully discovered Leicester or its University. I believe as students we lose a lot of the local community and become enclosed to student ideas. These are vitally important, but a slight emphasis on our community would be emplaced within The Ripple.
- Make a clear line of communication for everyone. The Ripple currently has few ways of contact and many budding writers found it hard to contact the paper at all. I intend to set up and advertise for new writers, while representing The Ripple at the next 'Freshers Fair'.
- I intend to utilise current space within the newspaper. Currently a lot of space is wasted on aesthetic value, such as full-page spreads of pictures. Crosswords and sudokus will be kept but merely in a smaller print.
- The Ripple lacks a form of tone at the moment. I intend to create a sophisticated student paper. Each article will have to meet a certain standard. The Ripple will **not** be pretentious and will continue to run film, music and other social and entertainment stories, but will expand on new ideas.
- The first issue will be printed with instructions for a questionnaire, this will highlight issues which themes and articles to keep and which to take out. While helping to contribute fresh and new ideas.
- The current organisation of The Ripple has been troubled by poor organisation. As a writer I have been told to write more articles than needed and have even had situations where my work was not printed due to a 'lack of time'. As a writer this is disheartening and also leads to a misshaped paper occasionally. The Ripple needs key deadlines that must be met in order for it to be successful.

Conclusion:

As a new student to Leicester University I will bring a fresh face and ideas to the newspaper, while still keeping its student values alive. I believe The Ripple needs new ideas and leadership to help forward it. I may not have the most experience out of all of the candidates, but this is compensated by my ambition.

On the 6th of March, do the right thing and vote yes to Kiron Ramdewar, the new face of The Ripple.

