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## Want to create opportunities and put the fun into the Student Experience? Why not run as Vice President Student Activities?

Vice President Student Activities (VPSA) is a role that embraces variety. The most important characteristic a VPSA can have is enthusiasm.

- The enthusiasm to get behind the 75+ sports clubs, societies and volunteering & fundraising groups that exist in the Students' Union so that they thrive.
- The enthusiasm to inspire other students to get involved and follow their passions and the ability to communicate that enthusiasm to the student population so they know what is happening in the Students' Union.

The Vice President Student Activities role is perfect for students who are passionate about sports, societies, fundraising and volunteering. Working with local and national charities, other university departments and leading and supporting student campaigns and building networks are all ways in which a VPSA ensures they are successful.

Sometimes the role means sitting in meetings and championing student groups to ensure they have the resources they need, while running events and activities that give students opportunities to get involved.

This role works closely with the University's sports staff to develop Participation, Fitness, Competition and Inclusion in the student population. They encourage and enable students to lead healthy lifestyles through awareness raising, education and example. Most importantly they make sure Sports are for all students regardless of background or circumstance. You'll also play a key role in organising Varsity with Gloucestershire SU.

One of the most rewarding parts of the role is working closely with students strengthening the student community, getting involved with local projects in Worcester and championing volunteering.

### **What Activities will you be doing?**

Above all, the VPSA works with students to make sure that their time at university is as fun and enjoyable as possible, ensuring the Union provides opportunities that develop students that enable them to succeed when they leave university. How an individual goes about achieving this is entirely up to them.

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We suggest you read the full role description but key tasks include:

- Work closely with the Union's Student Engagement Team to provide information, support and training for clubs, societies, volunteers and student fundraisers.
- Be the face of student sport and support the Union's sport staff to ensure the smooth running of BUCS and other sporting fixtures, including the promotion of results and successes.
- Promote the setting up of new clubs and societies.
- Promote volunteering and encourage more student volunteers.
- Oversee the organisation of RAG.
- Chairing Student Activities Council.
- Attending SU meetings like Student Council.
- To sit on the Union's Health and Safety Committee.
- Represent the Union on various University Meetings including sitting as a member of its Board of Governors and on Sports Development Board.
- Represent WSU externally with a particular focus on student activities. This includes, together with relevant Union staff, developing and maintaining relationships with BUCS, the National Student Fundraising Association (NaSFA), and the Student Volunteering Network (SVN).

Along with your individual manifesto aims and role descriptions, there will be operational activities within the Student's Union and University that you will automatically be involved in as one of the SU's Full Time Officers.

Below are a few examples of these activities that the Vice President Student Activities has undertaken, from the last couple of years:

- Big role in helping the organisation of Varsity.
  - Supporting the weekly organisation of BUCS fixtures.
  - Distributing care boxes to student parents during lockdown.
  - Arranging regular training for club and society committee members.
  - Encouraging students to contribute articles to TeamWorc TV.
  - Introducing TeamWorc Action as the new brand for volunteering.
  - Creating TeamWorc Points.
  - Working to improve promotion of societies and sports clubs.
  - Supporting the RAG committee and student fundraising.
  - Organising large events like the Colour Run.
  - Working with the University on a strategy for Sport and sitting on the Sports Board.
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## General competencies and skills necessary for Full-Time Officer posts

Competency or quality	Why?
Good communication skills	As an elected representative of the study body, your key role is talking and listening to students and representing their views and interests to the University.
Good presentation skills	You will be expected to present reports to a range of University committees and meetings, to deliver induction talks to new students and to run training courses and information sessions to groups of students throughout your year in office.
Good time-management and organisational skills	Your typical day will involve attending meetings and working on a number of projects whilst keeping on top of communications to and from students and SU and University staff.
Good understanding of current political, social and economic factors relating to Higher Education and issues of concern to students	As a spokesperson for students, you will be called on to explain what students think about a range of local, national and international matters which may have an impact on the student experience
Ability to establish and maintain good working relationships with a wide range of individuals	You will be liaising regularly with senior University staff, governors and SU trustees, other SUs and universities, external companies and commercial partners as well as students.
Enthusiastic approach to learning and personal development	You will have a wide range of opportunities to attend local and national training courses and conferences, including NUS officer training, which will enhance your skills and confidence
Commitment to equality and diversity and to the values of the SU	You will take responsibility of ensuring that the SU and its services are accessible and openly inclusive for all students, whatever their background, age and interests
Self-motivated and enthusiastic	The ability to effect positive change for students comes from a willingness to start and see through initiatives
Ability to take a constructive and co-operative approach to solving problems and making decisions	You will be part a larger team of officers and staff and so will need to be able to negotiate, compromise and remain calm in situations which may sometimes be challenging and where there may be conflicts of interest
Reliable and honest	You will have a very busy diary but also have important responsibilities as a Trustee of the SU
Willing to work unsocial hours / weekends	This is at times really not a 9-5 job! Over the course of your year in office, you should expect to work during a

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	number of weekends and to attend evening meetings and events
Flexible and adaptable	Things never stand still in the SU for long and it is a fast-paced environment

Full-Time Officers are fully supported by SU staff, but it is important that you are able to meet a number of the above, even if not all, for you to be comfortable in the role. It is a demanding (and brilliant) role that requires individuals to work hard and get stuck in! If you have any questions about what's required, please arrange to talk to a member of SU staff.