

Lawren Matthews - Head of News

My name is Lawren and I'm applying for Head of News next year at Radio Caley.

I have spent the past year on the current news team at the station and have learnt a lot. Having worked with Jade over the past year I know how the current news show is run and as part of the team I have gathered information and presented. During the student elections I shot and edited a short film about Single Transferable Voting, explaining how it worked and where individual votes went.

My current show the Division Bell is politics based. We chat informally about a variety of issues affecting the UK and world. As part of the show we gather our own information every week and must be able to explain and debate the stories. We have had some amazing interviews on our show which we found and gathered. I have presented with volunteers from other shows. Most Division Bell episodes are available on our Mixcloud.

I have a politics blog which I have run for my course, explaining terms used in politics and giving them an actual definition.

I would like to be on the committee so I can get more involved with the station. Radio Caley has an amazing atmosphere and a bunch of incredible people working in it, and I can't wait to be involved more.

If I was the next Head of News I'd like to have a 50/50 split on a consistent news show between university news and current affairs. When reading the paper, I come across articles about Glasgow Caledonian and I think it would be awesome to include these stories in the show and see if we can get interviews with the people involved. I would also like to see more societies on the news show talking about the work they do and events they have coming up. I believe more involvement like this will increase awareness of the show and station and hopefully increase listenership. I want to keep music on the show as well as it breaks up stories. Furthermore, if I found sufficient interest I would like to open a debate show where we have people on debating a (non-directly-political) issue. I think it would be a lot of fun and doesn't need a hard structure. On the Radio Caley news Facebook page, I'd like to have more regular postings about what we're up to and news that's relevant to students and other generally interesting items.

Jade has done an excellent job this year and I have enjoyed working with her. I believe I also have a lot to bring to this role and would be honoured to have to position of Head of News passed to me.