



# SU elections: 17% turnout and 67% of them were British students

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Congratulations to everybody who ran for the SU elections 2018, and great job to everybody who voted! 3545 students voted in the week long election, according to the SU's own statistics, 20686 were eligible to vote, this gives a voter turnout of 17%.

Here's a breakdown of the results!

#### Part-time Officers:

Edward Armitage: Sports Officer

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Abdul Khokhar : SRO: Mathematics, Computer Science & Engineering

Maimuna Bushale: SRO: Arts and Social Sciences

Ricky Emery: SRO: City Law School

Egor Chetverikov: SRO: Cass Business School

### **Full-time Officers:**

Tuna Kunt: Vice President Education

Nazia Bharde : Vice President Activities & Development

Kristina Perelygina : President

20,563 votes were cast meaning the average voter voted for just under six positions.

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The majority of voters came from the 18-21 age range at 62% of voter share. The lowest age range was under 18s who amounted to just five voters.

Just under 80% of voters were undergraduate students at the university.

67% of voters were registered as home students for fee status. Using the university's <u>most recently released</u> data on students, these 2,376 voters make up just over a fifth of students who fall into that category. Just under one-fifth of the university's EU students voted, while just 14% of overseas students cast a ballot.

With 38.3% of the vote, the Department of Mathematics had the highest turnout by department with 125 voters. The Division of Optometry and Visual Sciences with 37.2% (194 voters), Department of Civil Engineering with 29.7% (149 voters), the Department of Economics with 28.3% (259 voters) and the Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering with 27.7% (159 voters) rounded off the top 5.

These five departments made up just under a quarter of votes.

With there being great range in the size of departments, the five departments in terms of actual number of voters are quite different. They are CASS – UG (515 voters), The City Law School – Academic (411 voters), Department of Economics (259 voters), Department of Computer Science (227 voters) and Department of Psychology with 208 voters. This is a combined vote share of a little under a half.

Conversely, the five department with the lowest turnouts were The City Law School – Professional with 4.6% (59 voters), Division of Health Services Research and Management (encompassing Public Health) with 4.5% (18 voters), CASS – MSc with 2.9% (87 voters), CASS – MBA with 1% (6 voters) and Centre for Charity Effectiveness with 0.9% (2 voters).

The departments with the least number of raw voters are Division of Health Services Research and Management with 18 voters, Department of Music with 17 voters, Department of Library and Information Services and CASS-MBA with 6 voters each and the Centre of Charity Effectiveness with just 2 voters.

Societies had larger turnouts, with the average figure for all of City Societies being 41%.

The society with the highest turnout was the Electronic Society with 84.6% of their 13 members (11 voters). The rest of the top five were bought up by the Engineering Design Society with 84.2% (16 voters), Lawyers without Borders with 80% (4 voters), the Somali Society with 75% (36 voters) and the Islamic Society with 66% (66 voters).

In terms of raw votes, the highest ranked societies were: Pro Bono (147), Law (113), Islamic (66), Trading and Investment (55) and Pakistani (48) representing 12% of the total turnout.

The bottom five societies are all saw none of their members vote: Language Exchange, Ultimate Frisbee. Vietnamese. Romanian and Myanmar.

Whilst First Love, Rotaract Club, Travelling & Eating, Surfing, Kenyan, Agape Love and the Bulgarian Society all managed just 1 vote each.

23 societies saw just five members or less vote in total.

The SU elections saw the student body elect Kristina Perelygina as President with Tuna Kunt and Nazia Bharde won Vice President roles for Education and Activities & Development respectively.

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