Environment and ethics shouldn't be a box ticking exercise. Vote Alberto Torres.

King’s won last year the Gold Standard Award by the Green Impact Students’ Union scheme. This has meant more savings in energy costs, freeing more money for us students. I want, with your help, to keep this good reputation and push for issues that need attention in our campuses. These are my initiatives:

**No to shameful university contracts with G4S and Veolia**

Last year, the NUS unanimously voted to support boycott actions at student unions targeting companies that profit from the illegal occupation of Palestine. G4S and Veolia both profit from Israeli apartheid and the current dismantling of our public services. Just as King’s was forced to pull out of its projects with Ahava, King’s shouldn’t be collaborating with these two unethical companies.

**Dedicated International Student Support dealing with student welfare.**

International students are both far more likely to suffer physiological distress, anxiety and depression than home students but are also far less likely to seek help from welfare and support services. With increasing demands to deal with visa advice and compliance, little time is left to proactively support international students with the challenges they face whilst studying.

**Teaching of sustainable development in our programmes.**

Over two thirds of students consistently believe that sustainable development should be covered by their university courses, according to NUS survey. There should be compulsory education on this topic, at least in the humanities and social sciences.

**More energy sustainable Student union and halls.**

Simple things such as putting a lid in our pan when we cook, being wary to not overfill our water kettles, or reducing or union’s temperature to 24 C, can save a lot of energy and money. Warwick for example, saved 8.6 tonnes of carbon and £1,300 by choosing to only cool their union to 24 degrees.