



Student Council – Meeting Minutes

Friday 24th March 2023



Topics	Discussion Notes	Actions
Big Day Out	<ul style="list-style-type: none">All year groups discussed the ideas they wanted for the Big Day out e.g. Alton Towers, The Wave etcMs O'Connor explained about the cost of living crisis and how she does not want to place families in potential financial crisisThere was discussion regarding going to the cinema in town (easy to do, book and inexpensive), potential to bring some companies in e.g. rollerskating, inflatables etcStudent council discussed a potential fundraiser to help raise funds for the companies coming into school	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Email has been sent out to students regarding which activities they would like to see for the Big Day InMr Williams is working with Ms Kavanagh to book activities for each year groupStudent council session wb 08.05.23 based on feedback for top activities that students would like
Assessments	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Student councillors expressed there wasn't enough time to revise. Ms O'Connor explained that no lessons should be given over to revision, unless it is structured.Discussion regarding assessment timetable and how some assessments are not spaced out. Ms O'Connor and Mrs Scanlon explained that the assessment model follows the GCSE timetable and that we're preparing students for Year 11 and what to expect. Ms O'Connor apologised for the disruption due to the strike days and this will be kept in mind for the Summer Assessments.Students explained that some revision material is not accessible/appropriate. Ms O'Connor to speak to Heads of Department to review this for Summer Assessment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Plan in place for Summer assessments to ensure that feedback is taken on board and passed to Mr McDonnell
Chewing Gum – Talking Point Feedback	<p>75% of students' said the sanctions were not 'harsh' enough. Nearly 50% of students' said that one of the sanctions should be "de-gumming the tables themselves" Possible sanctions: Should be made to clear up their own mess in their own time</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Break time DT.Warning for first offence, then sanctionIX for dayDe-Gum tablesEscalating sanctions for repeat offencesApology letterFirst time- Verbal Warning	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Student council session from wb 24.04.23 – students have put themselves forward to be antio gum ambassadors and look to set up a working group to improve the situation. Mrs Scanlon to meet with them wb 15.05.23 to look at strategies.Site is improved – less gum since the de gumming over Easter by site services.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Next time- Detention• We also discussed hygiene and why old chewing gum can be a hazard, especially from our experience of Covid.• Lots of discussion regarding sanctions around chewing gum. Ms O'Connor and Mrs Heffernan explained it has cost the school £16,500 to de-gum the school. This has been taken away from your education. Mr Grieve explained it took him 8 hours to de-gum the outside of the canteen and then the next day, this had returned. Ms O'Connor explained this is NOT acceptable at all. It is costing valuable time and money.• Actions – more signage around school, gum bins to be installed, potential gum amnesties to happen during tutor time. SLT will be given megaphones for social times to discourage students chewing gum. There will also be a gum campaign focusing on chewing gum that will be led by the student council – more info TBC.	
Diversity and Culture	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lots of discussion regarding developing cultural diversity at school. Ms O'Connor confirmed there will be another Culture Day soon.• Mrs Scanlon to look at how we can provide cultural diversity within PSHE/tutor sessions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• African Drumming sessions on Friday 5th May• Mrs Scanlon to meet with the Cultural diversity group on Monday 15.05.23 to look at next steps
AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students explained they didn't know much about the Rewards Pod. Mr Williams to review and ensure this information is passed to students via tutors. Signage and posters to be reviewed.• Ms O'Connor explained that the rewards pod is not a 'given' – it's there to improve behaviour, but behaviour isn't improving. This will be taken away if behaviour continues to decline.• Ms O'Connor explained that rewards pods will be fully stocked before Easter holidays.• Students explained they'd like the fitness suite open more (cost of living means gym is very expensive). Potential to bring a sports coach in (TBC).• Fountains are currently being replaced as an action from the last student council meeting. You'll now see this around school and are much easier to fix/replace!• Students explained that the nets on the basketball courts need changing. Site Services to review.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Signage has been put up about how to order from the reward pod• Pod is now open on a Thurs and Fri break and lunchtime, run by 6th form leadership team• Mr Kemp to look at a method to allow Year 7 students to use their points, as we cannot move across from Arbor to class charts• Point for discussion – Friday 12th May for what students would like to see in the reward shop• Water fountains are currently being replaced by site services• Social time activities is a point for discussion on Friday 12th May



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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Toilets – All toilet issues have been sorted by the Site Team, but students explained there are still some issues. Ms O'Connor reminded students about the 'Red Box' programme we sign up to for free sanitary products. We have spent £23,000 on vape detectors. Again, this has taken money away from your education. Is this okay? All locks have now been replaced with hooks (easily replaceable). | |
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