



## Student Council Minutes

### Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2023



Topics	Discussion Notes	Action Points
Reflection of this year – Student council. Changes this year that we are pleased with.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Rewards pod</b> – easier to order and get now that we have moved back to classcharts</li><li>• <b>Inter tutor competition</b> has gone down really well – students would like more rewards for each tutor group winner after each event. Mrs Scanlon explained that each overall winning tutor group will have a pizza party(7KJB, 8JGD, 9CML) on Weds 19<sup>th</sup> July and the highest winner will get 1 hour on the activities of the Big Day In (10NOE)</li><li>• <b>Year 7 liked the Peace Picnic</b> – discussion about other year groups getting a similar opportunity</li><li>• Students are happy that each of the <b>water fountains</b> have been replaced in school, the new one's are much better quality and easier to use</li><li>• Students enjoy attending the <b>intervention activities</b> run by Mr Davies (e.g. Gardening, Creative Kindness, Ashfield care home)</li><li>• Students feel that their voice is being heard, which is great</li><li>• Students like the <b>variety of food</b> in the canteen and like the new addition of sandwich inly outlet to speed up the queues.</li><li>• Students liked the <b>careers days</b> that they have attended but would like more variety in terms of the employers</li></ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Mr Wilson to create a reward plan for each of the events and outline what rewards students will get</li></ol>
Rewards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Students liked the fact that they can easily access the reward store to purchase items or collect and liked that views from the last student council meeting were acted upon to widen the variety of items that you can buy (e.g. water bottles, calculators, tennis and badminton sets)</li><li>• Students would like there to be more vouchers available (e.g. book vouchers, PLT, JD and Xbox)</li><li>• Some students commented that vouchers were out of stock</li><li>• Students felt that they should get specific ASPIRE points for academic achievement after an assessment (e.g. highest achiever, biggest increase etc)</li><li>• There was discussion around the value of each item and whether they were reflective of the items value (e.g. 200 for a basketball but 300 for a football)</li></ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Complete an audit of the values of items on classcharts</li><li>2. Consider an ethical charter as to who we purchase items from</li><li>3. Add the following items to the reward shop:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Revision cards</li><li>- Book vouchers for all year groups</li><li>- Vouchers from local businesses to be considered</li><li>- Increase items available from the canteen (e.g. add cookies, cakes)</li></ul></li></ol>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>We discussed the fact of whether where we are buying the items from are ethical businesses and we should consider an ethical charter regarding who we order from in the future</li></ul>	
<b>Student leadership suggestions for next year</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Mrs Scanlon discussed that student leadership next year will be bigger and better, with students having more of a say. Student council reps will still be in place and will be voted for by the end of the second week back. We will also be having 2 (one boy one girl) junior student leaders for each year group and subject ambassadors who represent their subjects and support Heads of Department. Look out for information on how to apply in September. Students felt that subject ambassadors should be chosen by Heads of Department and Junior student leaders by Head of Year so that it was fair and not a popularity contest.</li><li>Students would like more lunchtime and after school clubs – it was suggested that these could be supported by subject ambassadors. It was suggested that we look at societies and groups led by students and 6<sup>th</sup> form leadership team can support (coaching qualifications available)</li><li>Students liked the idea of a Year 7 to 9 buddy system</li></ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Mrs Scanlon to share in September the new student leadership model and information on how to apply for the roles</li></ol>
<b>AOB</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Mobile phones - Ms O'Connor mentioned that next academic year we will be hoping to bring in lunchtime rooms for each year group. We are looking at the idea of whether we would let students use their mobile phones in these rooms and provide some chargers, which would enable students to contact parents if needed without getting a sanction. This would be based on trust and if any student then broke the no phone rule around school then we would remove the room.</li><li>Toilets – students would like air fresheners and the toilets to be nicer. It was commented that unfortunately due to poor behaviour around school this has not been possible. From September more toilets will be open at social time but only 2 toilets open during lessons. We will be monitoring which students are leaving lessons to go to the toilet.</li><li>Students would like a FiFa tournament again next year as it was really popular previously</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Next academic year, HB/HG to write minutes of student council meetings are prepare previous minutes and agenda for the next meeting</li><li>Plans for next year zoning and mobile phone room proposal will be shared with students</li><li>Mr Wilson to put in place a FiFa competition and share with students</li><li>Mrs Scanlon will analyse Passport to Greatness tracker and put in place a plan (alongside Heads of Department) a trip pledge for next school year</li><li>Uniform policy to be reviewed and decided whether boys can wear shorts in Summer</li></ol>



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|  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>4. Students would like more trips and for this to be shared with them at the beginning of the year. (E.g. languages trip to France/Spain). A reminder that the Big Day In is a trip and £15,000 has been spent on this from the school.</li><li>5. Students would like to be able to wear shorts in the summer – these would have to be smart shorts rather than just any shorts that they wanted to wear</li><li>6. Students commented that they would like to be able to take more books out from the library and for longer</li><li>7. 6<sup>th</sup> form – card machine isn't available to pay in the upstairs canteen and they would like better laptops in the library/lecture theatre. Ms O'Connor noted that 40 new laptops have been purchased.</li></ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>6. Mrs Perkins to review the library borrowing policy and look at whether students can borrow more books and for longer</li><li>7. Discussed with the canteen regarding the card machine</li></ol> |
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