

Student Council: October 2023

The week before we finished for half term, we held our first student council meeting of the academic year; there were 30 representatives there from years 7 – year 11.

The agenda for this first meeting was to discuss how student council meetings would work for the academic year and to outline the students' priorities and changes they wish to make.

It has been decided that student council will be split between KS3 & KS4 and we will have at least one meeting a half term. The week before a meeting is held, there will be a tutor time activity for the representatives to gather views of their tutor group ahead of the meeting. The week after the meeting, there will then be one tutor time which is given to feedback.

All student council minutes will be available on the student council display board, school bulletin and uploaded to our website.

Please see below for the initial priorities raised by the student council and an action plan of next steps.

You Said	We Did
Enrichment	
Students across all years requested more trips; this was a theme that crossed over both key stages.	Mrs Watson to audit our current trip provision and make this available to students. Once it has been finalised, students will be able to view it on our school bulletin.
Rewards and house points to run through the school i.e. non-uniform days, pizza parties, trips, films,	Mr Mead is currently reviewing our praise system and more information will come out in due course.
More non-uniform days	We have already had x1 non-uniform day so far, this academic year. We will ensure that, where possible, these are linked to fundraising events.
Themed tutor competitions such as Christmas & Halloween – more charity events, and inter-house sport.	We have had our first half term's campaign 'Show Racism the Red Card.' This half term's campaign is linked to Anti-bullying week: Make noise about bullying. The House Captains do a weekly quiz which is completed during Friday PM tutor time. Mr Tarbard has inter-house competitions planned throughout the year and we have various whole school events linked to both charity events and national awareness days. Mrs Watson will publish each half term's plan in the bulletin
Award ceremony every term	There are house celebration assemblies at the end of each term.
Canteen	
Students will like more variety of food offered in D3	As of Tuesday 31 st October, main meals will be available in the D3 canteen.
Another pin machine due to the queues at the one in the year 7 canteen	We are awaiting on a quote to see how much it will be to add an additional pin machine to school.
Introduce meal deals into canteen	Our Catering manager will raise this again in his next meeting with Aspens.
Year 7 students would like access to the salad bar	Salads will be available in the year 7 canteen as well from 31.10
Clearer pricing on food and drinks	Labels and pricing will be checked to make sure it is clear
AOB	
Bike pumps to be made available.	School will purchase a track pump and this will be kept at reception.
Personal Development lessons to focus on life skills	Mrs Watson will liaise with year 11 tutors to find out what topics year 11 would like to learn about. We will then see how this can be added to the curriculum

Can we just have unisex blazers? They are less likely to get ripped and there is more space.	This will be confirmed with our uniform supplier
House ties to promote our house system	House ties designs are being finalised and students will be able to vote on their preferred option within the next few weeks.
Increase interaction with 6 th form students	Mrs Watson & Mr Holmes are scheduled to meet early in the autumn term to organise a plan for QA tutor times between 6 th form and lower school.
Organise a revision club where there is one subject teacher from each subject available for small group, 1:1 or a quick fix revision session.	Mrs Watson to liaise with Mrs Simmonds and Heads of Department to organise this. Information will be available in the bulletin.