

School Council Meeting Minutes - Monday 19th October 2020

Members Present:

Mr Watkins

Year 7 - William Bradburne, Lucy Brading

Year 8 - Edo Abramovich, Claudia Franklin

Year 9 - Ioan Davies, Holly Korinek

Year 10 - Alex Guidi, Idris Khan

Year 11 - Edie Summerhayes, Charlotte Rapley

Year 12 - Eve Jeffries, Davis Hedgecoe

Year 13 - Tomos Watkins, Luke Williams, Emily Richards, Kitty Bax

Topic	Points Discussed	Action
Eco Committee and Healthy Schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Planning to promote cycling to school instead of driving, especially from areas such as Sully or Dinas. COVID-19 is causing an increase in cars on the road driving to school as car shares are no longer possible. Possible assemblies and pastoral sessions to encourage this. Ideas surrounding gift cards for bike shops being used as incentives, i.e. cycling to school for a certain number of days is rewarded with a gift card. Possibility of inviting the owner of the Glebe Street bike shop to service pupil's bikes, talk about his own bikes, and the positives of cycling etc. There is a possible government grant available to fund these schemes. ● Introducing Meat Free Mondays - Only vegetarian options available in the Sixth Form cafe and dining hall every Monday to reduce the negative consequences resultant of meat production. ● Possibility of a deposit scheme for plastic bottles - Every plastic bottle purchased (i.e. the Radnor Fizz bottles), has 10p added to its original cost. This 10p is put back on the fob if the bottle is returned when finished so it can be cleaned and recycled properly. ● Communicating with uniform shops to investigate the possibility of pupils returning their used school uniform to be resold second hand at a discounted price. ● Encouraging the idea of bringing in your own cutlery to be used at break and lunch in place of the single use plastic cutlery available. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To be considered by Eco and Healthy Schools committees with Mr Robinson
Charity Events	<p>How to donate money during charity events in a way that does not involve collection buckets -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Everyone who participates could donate on their fobs, this should be encouraged with signs around the schools as well as by dinner ladies at the tills. Keep donations open a week prior to the event to provide people with more time to prepare to 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To be considered by SLT

	<p>donate.</p> <p>How to encourage more donations -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Promote the charity being raised for in pastoral lessons or on the bulletin, informing on what the charity does and what the money raised will be going towards. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Charity Committee to organise
Year 7	<p>What Went Well -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lessons are much more engaging than they were in primary school. ● The safety measures put in place for COVID-19 are much appreciated. <p>Even Better If -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Reduce the prices of food in the canteen if possible, (it has been explained that food prices are higher due to general inflation as well as COVID-19). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Invite Mr Robinson to the next meeting
Year 8	<p>What Went Well -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Free Fruit Friday is enjoyed by the year group. ● There are many good facilities in the school, especially in the PE department. <p>Even Better If -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pupils would like to raise awareness and gain a better understanding of mental health issues and the impact of racism. The Sixth Form pupils present suggested inviting Andy Caress to join an online talk which would take place during Year 8 pastoral lessons to help to inform them on these issues. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Year Tutors to consider and discuss in pastoral lessons. Show Racism the Red Card have been invited to speak with the Year Group. Saib Cymru have been invited to speak with the year Group about Wellbeing. We are hoping Andy Caress could also be involved later this year
Year 9	<p>What Went Well -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The pupils partaking in PE lessons appreciate being able to wear their kit directly into school instead of having to change on site. Asked if it would be possible to keep this development in place even once all COVID-19 restrictions are lifted. ● Many have also appreciated the sanitary products that have been made available in the toilets. <p>Even Better If -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Possibility of more skirt options available such as the pencil skirts worn by some older pupils. ● Possibility of wearing earrings lower down in the school, not just for Sixth Form. ● Request that girls be allowed to wear Nike shorts to school on the days they have PE. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To be considered by SLT
Year 10	<p>What Went Well -</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The pupils partaking in PE lessons appreciate being able to wear their kit directly into school instead of having to change on site. Asked if it would be possible to keep this development in place even once all COVID-19 restrictions are lifted. <p>Even Better If -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request for mirrors to be installed in the boy's toilets. Increase in LGBTQ+ education, especially for younger years, available in school. As well as this, investigate how to relaunch the Pride Group 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To be considered by SLT Pride Group meeting to be organised
Year 11	<p>What Went Well -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The pupils partaking in PE lessons appreciate being able to wear their kit directly into school instead of having to change on site. Asked if it would be possible to keep this development in place even once all COVID-19 restrictions are lifted. Pupils appreciate the availability of hand sanitiser around the school. <p>Even Better If -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Year 11 students feel that there is too much pressure currently being placed on them due to the possibility of GCSE cancellations and the use of CAGs, i.e. pupils have sat multiple mocks in the first term alone. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To be considered by SLT & Year Tutors
Year 12	<p>What Went Well -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Many appreciate the availability and variety of sanitary products available in the toilets. Google classroom has been used well by teachers e.g. lessons and work are uploaded straight away so any pupils not present do not fall behind. It also makes it easier to submit and return work without having to wait 48 hours. <p>Even Better If -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Possibility of new tables in the Sixth Form garden, some are in need of repair During pastoral lessons, the use of booklets and powerpoints have become a little repetitive, possibly the content covered in them could be taught in a new way. Request that the impact of exams on mental health can be focused on and acknowledged. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To be considered by Mr Barry, Site Manager Tear Tutors to consider and approach outside speakers.
Year 13	<p>What Went Well -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Many pupils appreciate the new privilege to leave the site during any study period they may have, not just when they have a double study period. There has been a good support system from 	

	<p>teachers during COVID-19, especially over lockdown.</p> <p>Even Better If -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Request for more clarity over why masks are mandatory in the study area, but not in lessons.● Request for more healthy food options available during break and lunch, (this has already been discussed with Mr Robinson prior to the meeting).	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Year Tutors to reinforce PHW guidance● Mr Robinson & Mrs Coslett have already made plans to vary the menu
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DATE OF NEXT MEETING 23.11.20