

# Student Voice Minutes



Student Voice Meeting  
Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2022  
In Room V20

## Attendance

Aadya Rao – Chair

Miss Harrison

Mrs Mulgrew

Sophie Scott – Secretary

Mrs Maslin

  = Absent

	<b>A</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>S</b>
<b>Year 7</b>	present	present	present	present	present	present
<b>Year 8</b>	present	present	present	present	present	present
<b>Year 9</b>	-	present	present	present	present	present
<b>Year 10</b>	-	present	present	present	present	present
<b>Year 11</b>	-	present	present	present	present	present

## SLT Matters

- Mrs Ledwidge requested representatives discuss in their forms what the student body would like the PA to spend some of their budget on.
  - Students were requested to discuss and report back.

## Uniform

- There was confusion about appropriate hair accessories.
  - Aadya confirmed that hair accessories, such as clips, should always be navy blue or black.
- Requests to wear tracksuits or leggings in PE.
  - Aadya and Sophie agreed to talk to PE department.
    - (Follow up) PE department agreed as long as it was outdoors and skort was also worn, if tennis, netball, hockey etc.
  - Sophie added that leggings were only allowed in older year groups.

## Premises and Canteen

- A representative was concerned that canteen food prices were becoming too expensive. She raised awareness that these prices might be unaffordable for some students.
  - Mrs Mulgrew explained that the prices of canteen food have been negotiated to as low as they can be. She explained that the school is not in control of the prices and so can't be changed.
  - Sophie reminded the meeting that some students are eligible for free school meals, or packed lunches could be a cheaper alternative.

- Students want to see more palm-oil free foods in the canteen, due to the negative impacts palm oil has on the environment.
  - Aadya explained that the snacks served are difficult to change.
  - Mrs Mulgrew added that most snacks are already palm oil free in the canteen.
  - Aadya agreed to raise this with Mr Copper, as he is in charge of EcoCommity.
- Students complained that there is no food left at the end of lunch, if they have a club.
  - Aadya acknowledged that there would be less choice of food if you go to the canteen at the end of lunch, but it is wasteful to order more food just to increase options.
  - Mrs Mulgrew agreed and added that the school analyse food quantities, the canteen has never run out of food completely.
  - Sophie added that if students did not like the choices left, to bring a packed lunch, if possible, to avoid disappointment, as there are no changes which can be made to the canteen.
- Requests were made by students to increase the number of vegetarian or vegan options.
  - Mrs Mulgrew explained that there is a vegetarian or vegan option every day. She explained that having both options were unmanageable for the kitchen. However, since the kitchen is about to be refurbished, this may be something which is introduced in the future.
  - A student followed on from this, asking about halal options.
    - Mrs Mulgrew responded that those who eat halal can have the vegetarian/vegan options.
  - Another student asked a similar question about the possibility of gluten-free options.
    - Mrs Mulgrew explained that whilst this is important, gluten-free pizza and sandwiches have been previously trialled and did not sell.
- A student requested that the menu be updated so students can try new foods.
  - Mrs Mulgrew explained that it is already changed every term.
- A student complained that the oven in the subs area was not working, so a hot option was not available.
  - Mrs Mulgrew agreed to report this.
- A student requested that more recycling bins be added to classrooms
  - Another student added that the bins are becoming too full each day.
    - Mrs Mulgrew explained that this problem will fix itself when the eating in classrooms rule changes next term.
  - Mrs Mulgrew explained that an external company sorts our bins to recycle any material we can.
    - Sophie added that this explanation has been brought up in multiple recent meetings and students should be reading and reporting back the minutes to their forms.
- A student complained that sixth formers were in their form rooms at the start of lunch.
  - Sophie asked whether this was before 12:35, as some year groups have earlier lunches. She added that there is not much to be done if it is still during period 3. If it is after 12:35 and not a club, Sophie suggested that the students use their form rooms as normal or politely ask the sixth formers to leave.
  - Aadya added that students can ask their year leaders for assistance if needed.

### **Teaching and Learning**

- Students raised concerns about the curriculum only focussing on white feminism.

- Aadya acknowledge the importance of learning a diverse PSHE curriculum so agreed to bring it up with Mrs Buckley.
  - A year 11 representative added that anyone could bring ideas to Mrs Ledwidge as she is in charge of diversity in CCHS.
- Representatives requested that more diverse subjects be added to their curriculum, e.g. economics or food technology.
  - Aadya highlighted the difficulty of adding subjects, in terms of teachers, time and money.
    - Sophie added that our school provides many subjects which local schools do not offer, like latin.
- Students requested that half-term breaks and holidays should be focused on relaxing, so requested a rule which prohibited tests or homework being due straight after.
  - Aadya explained that this would be unlikely as there is not enough time for teachers mark or plan around this.
  - Sophie added that if you stay organised, you can balance relaxing and schoolwork.
- A student raised the importance of learning self-defence and so requested it be added to the curriculum.
  - Another representative reminded the meeting that it is embedded in the Year 9 curriculum already.
  - Aadya added there is more opportunity to learn self-defence in the Sixth Form.
- A representative was concerned that first aid teaching in RTP was too rushed and not frequently revised.
  - Aadya agreed to bring this up with Mrs Buckley.
- Representative of the form in A10 raised that there are frequently listening exams in their form room, meaning they had to find elsewhere to stay at lunch and breaktimes.
  - Mrs Mulgrew said she was under the impression that the listening exam rooms were rotated to avoid this problem.
  - Aadya agreed to look into this.

### **Any Other Business**

- A student raised that there are still problems concerning microaggressions within the school.
  - Aadya acknowledged the importance of eradicating this and so explained that anytime someone witnesses any sort of microaggression, she urged that they report it immediately.
  - Miss Harrison agreed that this should not be happening and so reporting anything which happens is crucial.
- A student asked if they were able to close the curtains in the swimming changing rooms.
  - Aadya and Sophie asked Miss Bellamy, she explained that this is not possible for health and safety reasons, should someone fall over and they can't see.
- Another student asked about solutions to cramped changing rooms.
  - The idea of staggered changing times was raised.
    - Miss Bellamy advised this would not work due to registration and that girls should use the entirety of the floor.
- A student suggested the idea of culture day, which would be off timetable.
  - Aadya and Miss Harrison advise this plan is already happening.