

**Sixth Form Council Meeting  
Wednesday 19th September 2018**

**Minutes**

Chair: Imogen White 13NWA  
Secretary: Riona Linn 13FSE/AGO

Attendants:  
Mrs Chapman  
Dr Palmer  
Mrs Hiett  
Mrs Ellen

Kristina Nikolaeva 12AHN	Prithi Jothimurugan 12DNO	Imogen Williams 12PKU
Sophia Cracknell 12AHN	Vaneeza Farooq 12DNO	Aneeka Sharma 12PKU
Kemisola Adediji 12AHN	Eera Chadha 12DNO	Bethan Mapes 12PKU
Rebecca Watt 12AHN	Mary Ogunmokun 12DNO	Imogen Onno 12PKU
Bethan Evans 12AHO	Azzra Maricar 12AMY	Monica Selvapandiraj 12PKU
Amanpreet Ahluwalia 12AHO	M. Zahrah Faheem 12AMY	Mariam Ahmed 13FSE/AGO
Eleanor Newport 12AHO	Wafia Hussain 12AMY	Asma Waheed 13VCA
Megan Samuels 12AHO	Raya Adiba 12AMY	Etomi Akpala 13JMO
Anna Nicholas 12HGR	Anna Champion 12YSI	Melvina Murdamootoo
Heather Millar 12HGR	Lily Follett 12YSI	13VCA
Ashitha Abdul 12HGR	Emily Slemmings 12YSI	Sarah Miller 13NWA
Badriya Abdullah 12HGR	Kirsty Ward 12YSI	Katie Morrison 13JMO

**Matters arising**

1. Year 12 Exams Feedback
  - Request for more information to be given about dropping subjects before the mocks (e.g. subjects with mock results of U or E must be dropped)
2. Year 11 to year 12 Transition
  - Feedback that it would be useful to have more guidance on how to order schoolwork in advance of the beginning of year 12 (e.g. that ring binders are the norm in lieu of exercise books)
  - Idea for a fun bonding activity on the induction day so as internal students can become more acquainted with new students.
    - This will be considered but such activity was taken out after requests from last year's Year 12 students.

**Points of Action**

- Mrs Hiett and Mrs Ellen to look into giving out more information.
- Teachers to keep feedback in mind when preparing next year's induction day.

**Canteen Matters**

3. Increased amount of food in the Sixth Form Canteen
  - No food shortages recorded recently
4. Feedback regarding the menu being emailed on a daily basis
  - Feedback that the emailed menu does not necessarily correspond to the food actually served
  - Students would prefer the email to come weekly rather than daily
  - Feedback that descriptions of food on the menu would be useful as some names are ambiguous (e.g. Beef Stifado?)
  - Idea for nutritional information to be added to the menu.

## 5. Other Feedback

- Broken coffee machine in the sixth form canteen
- Idea to be able to order subs to be picked up at the sixth form canteen

### Points of Action

- Riona and Imogen to look into all feedback with Mrs Hoefling

## **Sixth Form Teaching and Learning**

### 6. Feedback from year 12

- Suggestion for more guidance on how to utilise study periods - useful reading lists, websites, etc. for each subject
- Feedback on PowerPoint used in lessons
  - Copies of presentations are now often accessible online to students (VLE/Padlet) or given out in lessons
- Feedback that some lessons are too textbook-based.
  - Response from year 13s that this is necessary for certain topics but will not continue throughout the year and that this could be useful if given with valuable input from the teacher.

### 7. Feedback from year 13

- Suggestion for students to be tested in general knowledge of each of their subjects every fortnight in order to keep updated on new concepts and so as not to forget old topics.
  - However this could cut into lesson time.
  - Therefore could be set as homework, similar to currently set maths assessed homework.
- Positive feedback on specialised study support sessions for chemistry and biology.
  - Suggestion for more of these sessions specialised for other subjects - although this would take away free periods from certain teachers so could perhaps be after school.

### Points of Action

- Students are encouraged to talk to their teachers or Mrs Martin directly to ask for further reading information.
- Dr Palmer, Mrs Hiatt and Mrs Ellen to relay feedback to subject teachers.

## **Other Issues**

### 8. Improvements to Enrichment Day Programme

- Suggestion for more trips in the sixth form
  - Presents staffing issues, and may not be inclusive enough as would be trips for specific subjects.
  - There is the possibility of more structured academic focus on enrichment days (e.g. news day, economics day)
  - Idea for sixth formers to attend university lecture days
    - However dates for these days do not always fit well on the sixth form calendar.
- Feedback from students that current enrichment days are useful as extra study days.
- Suggestion for students to be informed of university events happening during enrichment days.

### 9. Feedback on offsite privileges

- Reminder that year 12s are not allowed to leave school early (NFC) in order to develop study habits that are necessary with their newly open timetables.

### Points of Action

- Enrichment days to be discussed again at the next meeting.

### **Any Other Business**

#### 10. Lanyards

- Could be sold in future to fundraise for the Better Buildings Society Appeal

### **Matters Carried Over to next meeting (14/11/18)**

#### 11. Suggestions for student forms

- Suggestion for forms that require responses to be sent via email
- Suggestion to have separate absence forms for appointments/part day activities and multiple days of absence