

Student Voice Minutes 21/11/18

Present:

Mrs French
Mrs Hoefling
Helen King
Ines Wilcox

Student	Form
Sophie Lee	7C
Rhythm Chauta	
Maisie M	7G
DNA	7H
Evelyn West	7S
Stella Marder	
Aira Mariathas	7F
Nila K	8C
Dia Khunti	8G
Amal Rana	8H
DNA	8S
DNA	8F
Katie Moss	9C

Kanujaah Jeyathas	9G
Daisy Parker	9H
Shreya Pedda-Venkatagari	9S
Rose Whitwam	9F
DNA	10C
Sophia Aung	10G
Sophia Summers	10H
Amrita Chokkalingam	10S
Preesha Jain	10F
Alicia Chu/ Namboshika	11C
DNA	11G
Amans O	11H
Ridha Navsuad	11S

Apologies for Absence:

Mrs Chapman not present-apologies sent.

Matters Arising:

- Overwhelmingly positive feedback was received for the quiet room in the library.
- This room is open to students from ALL school years, for silent study (if the library is full), but mostly for relaxation if feeling anxious or overwhelmed at break or lunchtime for main school students or with a teacher if during lesson time.

SLT Matters:

The one-way system around school: The issue was raised that this might make people late to lessons, but then again movement time is built into the timing of the day, so shouldn't be a problem.

- This system applies mostly to the main part of the school, the Quad.
- Will be a roundabout-style system, for example, if exiting room 5, to get to room 8 would mean walking all the way round the quad.

-Alternatively, to help congestion in main corridors, **would representatives please discuss with their form** the possibility of virtual or real markings on the floor, splitting the corridor in half (arrows going either way) to ensure that students remain on the left side of the corridor.

-A reminder to all students to **keep moving in corridors!** This is not a space to stop and chat; please collect bags quickly and efficiently and keep moving with the flow.

-It was acknowledged that cover boards are not tactfully placed- this worsens congestion in the corridors. **Representatives, discuss alternative placings for the boards and feedback suggestions, please.**

-Could the second double door in the languages building opposite drama be opened to aid congestion?

Developing Confidence

-Year 10 enjoyed the Jack Petchy challenge

-It was suggested that there could be the possibility of more opportunities for student-led assemblies. Perhaps a year group assembly with girls from all different forms, to give them more chance to present on a topic of their choice. These girls could be picked or volunteer themselves.

-For debating opportunities in the younger years, girls are directed to House Debating.

-Girls are encouraged to put themselves forward for presentations etc. if they feel the same girls are being picked. Don't wait to be chosen, that's not life!

Useful Learning Tools

- Regarding PowerPoints on the R: drive, it is difficult to do this, and whether they can be emailed out will be **followed up**.
- Girls prefer lolly pop stick method to the face-cards, as they seem more random.
- Feedback was received that whiteboards in lessons are extremely useful, especially at the beginning when asked to briefly think about a starter question. Girls prefer to brainstorm this on a whiteboard and then write a correct answer into their books.
- Past papers are better off downloaded onto iPads, computers etc. due to printing costs.
- It was suggested that teachers could give more guidance on useful websites for research tasks.
- A reminder that extension work is useful and enriches learning. School is not just teaching you to pass exams.
- If there are any concerns regarding the amount of work being set in cover lessons, please speak to your subject teacher politely and with good intent.
- If lots of end-of-topic tests are falling at the same time, speak politely to your teachers and they may consider moving them.
- For PE cover lessons, girls would prefer to make posters, or read PowerPoints rather than complete booklets.
- A reminder that online textbooks, although useful, are very expensive and require an annual licence fee, so unfortunately not worth the purchase.

Premises and Canteen:

- Possibility of fans in changing rooms? Suggestions also of air fresheners/diffusers.
- Some girls have found hair in their food. **Mrs Hoefling has spoken to canteen staff and they wear hair nets, so hairs may be your own, or other girls'** *If you find hair in your food, take it back to the canteen and they will change it for you.*
- Regularly washed, bare hands are more hygienic than gloves, as food can stick to gloves.
- Food prices have not changed since February, and there are price lists all around the canteen, as well as the VLE.
- Students are discouraged from queue skipping in any situation.
- Chicken and waffles can be taken to outside tables, provided that all mess is completely cleared up.
- If you receive the wrong drink/snack in your pre-ordered food, this is most likely due to your requested item being unavailable. If it is a problem, speak to canteen staff and they may be able to swap it for something else.
- FYI- recently, food stock deliveries have been disrupted, and canteen staff have been working hard to get food from other sources. This may be causing the issues.
- If there is an issue with fingerprints not working, speak to the IT helpdesk and they will attempt to re-scan. If unsuccessful, pin codes may be issued instead.
- The science ramp will take a while to fix, as it needs to be demolished first. It is noisy work, so will have to be completed in school holidays so as not to disrupt studies.
- Mr Rowell to follow up** all science teachers finishing lessons on time, so that students do not get wet waiting outside.
- Food running out – students should ask one of the catering staff if they think something has run out. There should be sufficient food to cover all the staggered lunch-times for the year groups. Sometimes, e.g. with the panini, the staff will heat up several batches during the lunch period so it may look like there is nothing left on the counter when in fact there is a batch in the oven.

Any Other Business:

- A reminder that cake sales are always in the daily notices in advance.
- Mrs French to follow up** seating arrangements for assemblies- some younger years are sitting on tiered seating if arriving before Year 10 and above.
- House assembly venues cannot be rotated as it gets confusing- for the house in the canteen, they should be aware that it is cleaned every morning so sitting on the floor should not be a problem.
- Do not** send whole school emails without a teacher's permission. If you have lost a personal item, look for it yourself or inform your form during registration- girl's inboxes will be completely clogged up, otherwise.
- Sports Hall is taking time to build, but the school continues to attempt fundraising to kickstart the process.
- Speak politely to your teachers if you are not being let out on time.
- A reminder that **nobody is allowed their phone out** in lessons unless instructed by teachers.

Student Voice Minutes 06/02/19

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Matters Arising:

Feedback on the one-way system

- Suggestion of more changeover time on assembly days (Tuesday, Thursday and Friday) to aid congestion, although this is unlikely to be possible
- On these days, please could the site staff fold the tables outside the gym to create more room for passers by- **Mrs Mulgrew to follow up.**
- Students are reminded that this system is applicable only during lesson changeover time (this includes before p2 and p4).
- Please could teachers be a bit clearer on the rules to eliminate confusion
- Students are reminded to place their bags strategically around the school to make their route faster (e.g. before assembly, leave your bag outside your next lesson).

Feedback on availability of resources for lessons

- It was suggested that emailing powerpoints would be very helpful for GCSE revision. Folders could be created on the R: drive with all resources grouped together inside to make them easily accessible.
- Websites such as 'Padlet' are preferred as emailing out resources can get confusing and clog up students' inboxes.

SLT Matters:

Plastics free school discussion

- It was suggested that when the school's plastic rulers break, they could be replaced with wooden ones.
- Negative feedback was received for the cone cups in the canteen, however students are reminded that many alternative paper cups are lined with plastic. Girls are greatly encouraged to bring their own bottles to school.
- The cone cups are recycled when the school bins are sorted.
- **Mrs Mulgrew to look into** the possibility of cartons of water to be sold rather than plastic bottles. However, these tend to be fairly expensive.
- Suggestion of ketchup dispensers in the canteen as opposed to plastic sachets. **Mrs Mulgrew to follow up.**
- Teachers are aware that the covers of logbooks are plastic and will follow up.
- Plastic free cutlery obviously ideal but alternatives such as bamboo are expensive. **Mrs Mulgrew to follow up.**
- **Please could all representatives discuss the possibility of a school water bottle with their forms.** Try to gauge how many students would invest in one and how they would prefer it to look (branded, unbranded etc.)

Developing confidence

- Feedback on the usefulness of form assemblies for developing confidence has been very positive.
- Year 7 are invited to watch House Debate to learn from their elder peers before they participate from year 8 onwards.

Useful Learning Tools

- Students really like maths revision sheets for end of topic tests and would like these for other subjects too, sciences in particular. However, students should be aware that in the run up to GCSEs they are likely to be given summary/end of unit questions in these subjects too.
- Pens for the mini whiteboards in the Languages block are running out. Will be followed up.
- Students have mentioned that sometimes they are given short notice for tests. Mrs French reminded us that sometimes this is done deliberately to avoid over-preparation and unnecessary stress for a small exam.
- Staff are aware that the firewall is blocking too many sites. Mr Cable is monitoring it and receiving feedback. However, students are reminded that this wall is up to protect them from nasty emails etc., so be patient!
- It would be helpful for students to collate frequently used sites that are blocked into a list, which they can then send to Mrs Mulgrew to be unblocked.

Premises and Canteen

- Students are reminded to respect the Senior Prefects on lunch duty as they try to keep congestion in the canteen at a minimum!
- Could there be a sign up reminding students to check their money balance BEFORE buying food as this hold others up.
- Mrs Mulgrew to look into fingerprints not working.
- If students see only one member of the canteen staff manning 2 foods, please be patient as they are sometimes short staffed.
- Staff are aware that sometimes the money machines don't take notes. This is being looked into, however girls are encouraged to top up online.

Any Other Business

- If teachers run into lesson changeover time, students are encouraged to remind them politely of the time.
- Year leaders try their best to allocate the seats to older years in assembly, but if forms are late sometimes it is not possible to hold them as it causes congestion.
- Students are reminded not to play computer games in the library.
- Students are reminded to leave their bags in sensible places. If they are moved, it is probably because they were in the way or in an area where bags are not permitted.
- Scrunchies are not part of school uniform- plain black or navy hair bands only.
- A reminder that students are to use their own form rooms at lunch time and that only year eleven are permitted to eat in their form rooms
- Suggestion of covers on fire alarms as girls are sometimes worried about them being set off accidentally.
- Girls seem to enjoy mindfulness sessions in form time (colouring etc), especially as form time can get quite busy with assemblies etc.
- Jess and Anna were introduced as the new chair and secretary of Student Voice