

Student Voice Minutes 08/10/2024

Attendance:

Students

House	A	C	F	G	H	S
Year 7	x	x	x	x	x	x
Year 8						x
Year 9	x					x
Year 10				x		
Year 11	x		x	x		

Staff

- Flow days / enrichment, once a term (we already have enrichment days in place). 'Flow days' would only focus on one specific subject. Problems arise with timetabling, cancelling lessons and assigning teachers
- Yr10 team building day, and Jack Petchy day caused room change problems. Students ask that room changes be made more accessible- put on teams.
- HW timetable – workload may be increased as some teachers don't all set HW according to their guideline, but rather as they see fit. Be prepared for a potential increase if a timetable is put in place.
- Topic list being made available- they should be available on the school website, maybe a good idea for teachers to upload them onto teams at the beginning of a topic.
- HW extensions- asking in as advance as possible and it should hopefully be allowed, however informing teachers on the day it is set, if you know that it can't be done in the time that you have, will understandably make it unlikely for your teacher to grant the extension- HW is for your understanding, communication is key!
- History feedback- talk to RTH
- Humanities resources for essay-based subjects should be made available, online usually isn't as helpful for things like poetry.
- Trampolining in PE- embarrassing, also for people with braces it is dangerous, some people have broken brackets because of trampolining. Some people may need to be exempt due to this.
- Technical difficulties with sims this year- not the school's fault.

- PE timetable for Yr7s, should be made available, as they are unsure of which kit to bring. They usually bring everything because they don't know. There is a pathway in the PE office and on the Yr7 teams.
- School curriculum- more subjects wanted- not enough funding students want to do fundraising, but it will be extremely difficult to raise suitable funds.
- 9S vocab packs in French- will get for GCSEs, harder to create for lower years.
- Teachers aren't giving out achievement points- some give out a lot, some don't give out any- validation/motivation for students- teachers should be prompted to give them. Well done stickers in logbooks could be reintroduced.
- PE teachers- don't give enough time to change after lessons, issue has been brought up multiple times. Students are late to other lessons due to this. More time should be given for period 5 lessons as people have buses or trains to catch. If PE is period 1 students should be allowed to come to school in kit and change back into uniform after the lesson.

RTP

- PSHE syllabus- need to be updated, they aren't relatable anymore. Some sessions are upsetting and Yr7s don't feel comfortable, and teachers won't let them leave when they don't feel well. They want something more relatable to their age range and don't want the 'outdated stuff'. Too much about 'sex' in Yr11/10, they want other topics as well, repetitive. Male form tutors during RTP sessions, students feel there should always be a female teacher present for topics like 'sex', as they would feel more comfortable.

Enrichment

- Talent shows should be student led, talk to music prefects.
- Yr7 residential should happen, used to be a Normandy trip, covid affect.
- Attendance awards – reason should be considered for absences.
- Inconsistencies in clubs- will be updated on teams, shuffles are usual.
- 11A final Yr11 trip- was arranged but do with a reasonable price in mind- e.g. picnic in a local park, talk to year leader.

PA

- Father's Day sale- talk to Nia and Catherine.

Student life

- Logbooks with map of the school should be reintroduced, helpful for Yr7s.
- Lunchtime clubs should be distributed more evenly, spread across different rooms.

- Other year groups are too noisy when important lessons are going on, people need quiet. Especially Yr7 forms.
- Teachers not allowing lip balm to be put on- ask the teachers, not a salon.
- School radio/ Tannoy – needs funding – system to do so would need to be put in place.
- Collecting students from office is hard for some parents when they have appointments- students should be allowed to leave by themselves – safeguarding issue.
- DofE meeting – needs more advanced notice.
- Lost property needs to be reported, and open at more reasonable times - people have difficulties reuniting with their items.
- Toilet during lessons- some teachers allow this, logbooks signing should also be reintroduced, to keep it organised.
- Buying textbooks- students want to start buy their own? Saves the school money.
- Room changes should be read out every morning

Fundraisers

- Changing rooms in PE, cubicles for privacy should be introduced- curtains in room can't be opened.
- Request for more non-uniform days. Non-themed days.
- More time for culture day auditions- rushed, need more time- prefect said its partially their fault, kind of part of the process.

Premises

- Overuse of some form rooms for clubs. For Bancroft rooms- Maths and knitting.
- Clocks in classrooms don't work. Some unpleasant smells in classrooms.
- Motion sensor lights in V22 disturb lessons.
- Sanitary products need to be made more available in toilets.
- Locker issues in V10, getting in.
- Ceilings in languages- need to be fixed.
- Bag store should be open all year around.
- PE changing rooms – just been revamped, so there isn't much we can do.
- Leave bags in form rooms if there are clubs.
- Recycling is done after binning, so don't worry about the fact that there aren't separate bins.
- Yr11 study spaces- no more home study for mocks.