

Sixth Form Council Minutes - 28th September 2021 - Curriculum-related sections only

Attendance

Sophie Aung (Chair)	Mrs Ellen	Mrs Hiatt
Aliyyah Gbadamosi (Secretary)	Plus 16 Student Representatives	

Matters from previous meeting

- Year 13s to feedback back to Anushka to collate all the clubs and societies that are run for Mrs Hiskett.

Sixth Form Teaching and Learning

Enrichment Day

- It was noted that the Year 13s wanted enrichment days that were directly related to enriching their studies rather than university based; ie they have missed a good deal in terms of 'fun/educational trips'. One form made the suggestion for English students to be taken to watch plays, for example.
- Point of Action: Will be discussed further, as the aim of staff is to be flexible but avoid the missing of lessons.

SchoolPost and information

- It was confirmed that important emails should be sent to both students and parents.
- It has also been noted that some external Year 12 students do not yet have SchoolPost login and problems with the Authenticator app.
- Point of Action: Sophia and Aliyyah to speak to Mr Cable regarding this.

Homework and study:

- Issues raised in regards to the overnight setting of homework- which is not always deliberate. As well as this homework being set for days when no lesson occurs. Students advised to discuss with the teacher for clarification. Feedback to your teachers as sometimes there are errors or issues with assignments on teams- if you have an issue about homework ask.
- Some uneasiness was expressed with aspects of the SF timetable, particularly in Y12; where the teacher splits between weeks are uneven is difficult to avoid overnight homework.
- The issue of the large number of students in Y12 who cannot attend PE was also raised as was that of subject clashes. This to be discussed by SLT.
- It was noted that the Year 13 Art workload is quite strenuous with tight deadlines. In regards to staff unwillingness to extend deadlines this will be discussed further but staff must retain control of the management of the variety of tasks/workload.
- Point of Action: Representatives to feedback the mentioned points to their forms.

Other Business

- Year 12 fast paced teaching- staff will be reminded that not everyone is in the same place and of the usefulness of catch-up sheets or review sheets to read prior to lessons will be reiterated.
- Study area after school- library/ loft. This will be reviewed once the new library is up and running and we have in the past opened the library until 5pm in the run up to examinations. However staff costs and cleaning/premises hire questions are also relevant here.
- Issues raised surrounding RTP- some felt that some materials might be improved. Also discussion of appropriateness or otherwise of consent lessons given national context of consent related issues. Also some concern about how embedded the material on queer relationships is. EHL to keep this under review and remind tutors of sensitivities.
- Warning of the RTP topics beforehand; some requested prior knowledge of topics; tutors have been asked to provide this.
- Diversity Prefects wish to run a student led magazine providing a chance for all students to get involved. This should be followed up with Mrs Ledwidge.
- Issue raised about the effectiveness of Mindset Mondays – one student felt that they were 'enforcing toxic productivity'. However the prog does emphasise all aspects of effective study including rest and recreation and research on effective habits cannot be ignored.