

Student Voice Minutes - 29th September 2021 - Curriculum-related sections only

Attendance

Aadya Rao – Chair

Sophie Scott – Secretary

Miss Harrison

Mrs Mulgrew

Mrs Maslin

Plus 23 Form Representatives

Teaching and Learning

- There have been complaints about Year 7 students using the art room computers to play games.
 - Aadya agreed to bring this up with Mr Harvey and Mrs Lewis, as the art rooms have been set aside at break and lunch times for GCSE and A-Level students.
- A student mentioned the fact that some surveys questioning teaching quality etc. have not been anonymous, she explained that this may make people lie which defeats the purpose of the survey.
 - Aadya agreed that anonymity is important for surveys like this.
- There was positive feedback directed at essay subjects for recapping the links between topics which is aiding understanding.
- Students request that all teachers are taught how to use Teams properly and that all PowerPoints are made accessible post-lesson for students to be able to recap if needed.
- A representative questioned if the German Department could use books, as folders are 'clunky' and a waste of paper.
 - Sophie explained that the German Department tends to set a lot of homework, it is much more practical for students to hand in a sheet of paper rather than an entire book.
 - Aadya added that it is good practice for Sixth Form.
- A representative praised folders and requested French also use them in Years 7, 8 and 9.
 - Aadya explained that each department has their own system and French uses various books for vocabulary and grammar etc.
 - She added that teachers here are very experienced and have spent time to figure out the best systems.

Any Other Business

- PA
 - Students were asked to compose a list of ideas outlining what they would like the Parents Association to spend money on.
 - Students have requested better quality school textbooks.
 - Aadya explained that she was under the impression that the PA are not permitted to fund this for a logistics reason.
- Students requested outdoor game equipment for lunchtimes.
 - Mrs Mulgrew explained we already have a lot of equipment, bought only last year.
 - Sophie agreed to speak to the PE Department to clarify where these were stored and how students can access them.