

Student Voice Minutes - 9th February 2023 - Curriculum-related sections only

Attendance

Elodie Bennie– Chair

Miss Harrison

Mrs Maslin

Mrs Mulgrew

Sithuli Pirunagama – Secretary

Plus 19 student representatives

Teaching and Learning

Teaching

- **Some year 9 students have requested for more clarity in their Biology and Computer Science lessons as sometimes they do not understand tasks/explanations from the teachers.**
 - Students have suggested that this may be a specific class that may have trouble as they have not experienced this within their own lessons.
 - Elodie agreed with this and suggested they bring this up with individual subject teachers as they would be more than happy to explain it further.
 - In response to this, students have further suggested that it may be beneficial for there to be more drop-in revision clinics open to younger years. Therefore, Elodie suggested to speak to subject teachers to increase the availability of these clubs.
- **Students have requested that more time is given to practice for assessments in music.**
 - Elodie suggested that they talk to the music department and request for additional time allocated to practice.
 - Furthermore, a student stated that sometimes the music department allows students to borrow certain instruments and use it to practice providing that it is returned.

Learning

- **Students have inquired as to how much homework can be set per week.**
 - Elodie suggested that it may be set to roughly 30 minutes per piece per subject however agreed that it may have changed.
 - Mrs Maslin then suggested that it would be beneficial to double check this information with Mrs Cross.
- **Year 9 Students have requested that library lessons should be timetabled in for older year groups as well.**
 - Students have mentioned how they feel that additional library lessons (in replacement of the 10 minutes of reading they receive during their English lessons) would be beneficial and prompt them to read more.
 - Elodie suggested that this issue should be brought up to the English department and Mr Lamberti (who oversees timetabling).
 - However, she did acknowledge the fact that there may not be enough time to allocate to library lessons due to the nature of the curriculum in the upper years.
- **Students have reported that they have felt overwhelmed by the homework that has been set by the geography and art departments and have requested a longer deadline for more time-consuming pieces.**

- Students have brought up the fact that the Geography and Art departments are very understanding and when told in advance will indeed extend the deadline.
 - Elodie agreed with this and suggested that talking to individual subject teachers on this matter would be beneficial.
- **A query was asked whether teachers could give infringements over missed homework**
 - Miss Harrison stated that they could not and advised that if this has happened, they bring this forward with their Year Leader.
- **Students have stated that it would be beneficial for the French department to give them packs for every topic that they learn (similar to that of the German department)**
 - Students have noted that in French Lessons they tend to get loose sheets of paper which are hard to keep track of and therefore believe that it will be easier for all the sheets to be kept within one pack for organisational ease.
 - Elodie suggested speaking to Madame Caffier about perhaps implementing this in French lessons.
 - Miss Harrison also suggested that students try to be more organised and file/stick in these sheets as not to lose them in the case that giving packs is not feasible for the French Department.
- **Ending Lessons as promptly as possible**
 - Students mentioned that the PE department should allow students enough time to get changed as students are sometimes late for other lessons or break and lunch.
 - Elodie empathised with this and suggested that a greater recognition of time should be implemented and suggested that teachers should be made aware of this.
 - Swimming lessons were also brought up, with students suggesting that more time is given to change after the lesson. A solution to this may be a prompter start to the lesson.

Student Enrichment

- **Year 10 students have also requested that they be allowed to wear earphones during their revision periods**
 - Miss Harrison stated that this was not possible and stated that the study rooms should be quiet; therefore, students should be able to maintain a good level of focus.
- **Year 11 students have requested that the younger years are reminded to maintain a low level of noise within the library, during break and lunch.**
 - Miss Harrison suggested that Mr Selby is made aware of this as well as the Librarians to hopefully fix this issue.
- **House Table Tennis**
 - This suggestion will be put forward to Miss Holt, who is in charge of the House system.