

Pupil Council Feedback

January 2023



Consultation on School Uniform

Only 177 pupils voted because some pupils were at college, and others on a netball trip. Therefore, the Executive Committee would like all classes to vote again this week. Please make sure the voting is confidential by giving pupils slips of paper to vote on, and please forward the result of your vote to Ms Morrison by the end of this week – thank you!

The three options are: -

- Full school uniform – shirt, jumper, skirt/trousers, possibly tie and blazer
- Casual uniform – sweatshirt/hoodie, polo shirt
- No uniform – status quo

S5/6 Laptops

Pupils in S5/6 felt that they should have been given laptops to help them with their studies/prepare for exams.

- We have discussed this with OIC, and unfortunately there will not be funding for this next session.
- We will be getting another trolley of 20 laptops in the school.
- If any pupils have no computer/laptop access at home, please speak to your Guidance Teacher as soon as possible, as Chrome Books may be available.



Lunch Queue

Most pupils prefer to have a single lunch so activities can run at lunchtimes.

- From Monday 6th February we will trial a two queue system at lunchtime – a dinner queue on the wall side of the corridor, and a snack queue on the window side.
- At lunchtime there will be a one way system round the school. Pupils will not be able to enter the Dining Hall via the Technical corridor. This is similar to the system we used during the exams.



School Meals

Kitchen staff have responded to the requests from the Pupil Council and will provide paninis, other options to have with chips (beans and salad) and more options on Fridays.





Seating in Social Areas

We have put more seating on the Entrance Foyer Balcony, as requested by pupils. Unfortunately we can't provide anymore seats/tables in the Red Area because we have to keep the fire exit clear.



School Furniture

We are liaising with Mr Smith about the tables in Art and with Science Staff about stools with backs. When we find out about our budget for next session, we will see if we have enough money to replace some of the furniture in these departments.

Timings of the School Day

Over the past two weeks we have been trialling a single breaktime (from 10.30am – 10.45am) for all pupils. We have another week to go, then we will gather your views to decide if this should continue.

There was lots of discussion about the timings of the school day. We can't do anything about this until the school transport comes up for tender again. This means that we will look more closely at this, and consult with pupils, parents, teaching and non-teaching staff in the next academic year.

Heating System

It has been raised by the pupil council that the school has been quite cold recently.

- We have been having a variety of problems over the past few months and have had heating engineers on site regularly, trying to fix problems with the boilers, computer system, valves and sensors. We hope that most of these have been resolved now, but if there are still concerns, please pass these on to your Pupil Council representative.



Toilets

- The cleaners have refilled all the soap cannisters in the toilets – as requested.
- We have put up signs on toilet doors, asking pupils not to take food into the toilets – as requested.



What next ...?

The Executive Council think that our new Pupil Council system is working well as all pupils are having an opportunity to share their thoughts and ideas – more pupil voice.

We will be having another round of meetings this term. Pupils in S1-S3, please elect two new Class Reps, so more pupils have an opportunity to take part in Pupil Council House Meetings. Please let Ms Morrison know who your new Reps are by the end of the week – thank you!

The Executive Council put forward the idea to start a consultation on 'the best ways pupils learn so that they can let teachers know'. This will be put to our Staff Learning and Teaching Working Group so we can look at ways we can do this.