

S4 Pupil Forum Meeting Minutes



Date : 14th September 2018
Time : 9.35am
Location : School Canteen

1. Welcome & Prayer

The pupil forum began the meeting with the school prayer

2. Our Relationships

Pupils said that they noticed a difference in workload from S3. Although they felt pressure, they stated the majority of this was from themselves. However, pupils said that the internal assignments at National 5 were a cause of worry. They asked for more advice on how to balance study with social life. Mr Marshall will continue to deliver at assemblies throughout the year.

Pupils said they enjoyed the Salamanca trip which took place this month.

All pupils said they knew they could go to teachers and ask for help at any time.

3. Our Learning & Teaching

S4 Reports were issued to pupils today. They said that some departments were better than others when discussing their target grades. The pupils said they really valued this discussion and asked Mr Marshall to speak to the departments who did not carry out this exercise.

Mr Marshall explained that the majority of pupils had achieved fantastic reports and that, as a year group, they were on track for a successful academic year.

Pupils are going to start to complete their Wider Achievement Booklets through PSHE.

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4. Our School & Community

A discussion regarding the S4 Information Evening took place (Thursday 25th October). Mr Marshall explained the proposed format of the evening:

- Short Introduction
- Stands - Pathways in S5 (SDS, Vocational, Colleges, School)
- Study Skills Workshop (Pupils)
- Study Skills Workshop (Parents)

All pupils agreed this format sounded as if it would be useful to them. Pupils asked for a Health and Wellbeing insert, sports in particular. Mr Marshall will arrange this with PE and Active Schools.

5. Our Health & Wellbeing

Pupils said they had noticed a more focussed approach to HWB in PSHE and at assemblies. In particular pupils discussed the positive approach to mental health and wellbeing. Pupils stated that some departments had discussed HWB in class and linked it to the curriculum but would welcome this in more subjects. Mr Marshall explained that all subjects will be making links to HWB more in the future and welcomed any ideas how to promote this in this school.

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6. Our Successes & Achievement

Mr Marshall praised the pupils for their recent reports and thanked them for their input with regards to how they would assemble to be run in S4. Pupils commented that they preferred the half-year group assemblies and liked listening to the different guest speakers so far this year. Mr Marshall outlined upcoming assemblies and asked pupils for their feedback which was positive.

7. AOCB

There was no other business.

Mr Marshall thanked pupils for their time and input.

The next Pupil Forum will be scheduled for Friday 16th November.