

Secondary School Council Minutes

Date	6.12.22 Reading+ and Period 5 L4L Room
Chairperson	H. Schroepfer
Attendees	Year 7: Katherine, Ruby and Finley; Jake Year 8: Molly and Ollie; Year 9: Vikas and Byron; Year 10: Gus, Christian, Chloe Year 11: Adam, Oscar, Fletcher. Post-16: Owen Laleham News Team Reporter: Chloe Secretary: Matthew Member of staff: Miss Richardson, Mr Fairbrother, Mr Milton
Apologies/ absent	Mark, Jacob, Connor.
Point 1	Updates TISS Gate propped open for walkers? Mr John Fry is waiting for an answer from Leadership to put in a drop bolt on the gate by the TISS building for busy times. *Oscar asked Mr Milton if they were able to give an update. He said that it had been agreed and Miss Conroy was putting the order in. Thank you to pupils and Miss Richardson that have updated the noticeboards. 'PM Questions' SLT interviews to maintain/improve communication and collaboration between leadership and the Council? Mr Milton to attend 2:45-3:05 for an open Q&A session. Pupils prepare questions on phones and whiteboards. Oscar suggests contacting Thanet District Council re: the new housing so close to the school. Volunteers to write a draft letter from the Council?
Action by	Chloe and Ruby have started a draft to Thanet District Council. Yr11 can support once they have finished this Friday's 'Chase' House Competition.
Point 2	First House Quiz Competition this Friday – instead of Teams Assembly. Complete House Rounds and Quick-Fire Questions Scoreboards and scorers Props, lighting, sfx. Gus found a sound effects to support Friday 'The Chase Soundboard' Participation prizes Dress rehearsal Thursday Reading+ Time (Ask to swap rooms with Mr Ainsworth's R+ group) Runner-up prizes: Film in drama room/form room, Class meal, Gift cards/Vouchers Voucher ideas: Smyths, WHSmiths, One4All... The Council agreed for a big launch event that gift cards would be the best prize.
Action by	Molly to organize house tallies for the quiz Reading4Councillors set up Drama space with scoreboard etc Ms Schroepfer is getting the participation Selection boxes, Finalists Selection boxes, Mr D's Rugby ball and sharpie pens. Mr Payne to support Yr11 Leaders organise winning house receiving gift vouchers or donating to chosen charity. £5 for making it to the final; £10 for beating the Chaser!

Point 3	Update from Mr Fairbrother about The Secondary Reward Shop Mr Fairbrother has an annual budget. Rewards currently include: fidgets, books, colouring books, footballs, water bottles... Mr Fairbrother will be in the drama room Monday, Wednesday Thursday and Friday next week 1:15-1:40pm. Chloe has concerns about form classes that are offsite, so the following pattern has been agreed for next week: Monday: Year 7, Wednesday: Year 8, Thursday: Year 9 and Friday: KS4. Council volunteers to support Mr Fairbrother: Katherine, Ruby, Finley and Jake in Yr7 and Christian in Yr10. (If further support is needed, Chloe and Adam are available Mon, Wed and Fri.) Due to limited stock, it will be a ONE ITEM rule for the opening week.
Action by	Mr Fairbrother to send a 'Read only' or Screen shot of Rewards totals to all tutors. Owen is going to ask post 16 which days they can assist Mr Fairbrother
Point 4	*Headteacher's Questions Ethan shared that pupils were concerned about Behaviour and wanted to incentivise good behaviour with a New Behaviour System – linked to privileges and responsibilities. Everyone starts with full access to privileges (e.g. bringing in phones, access to certain areas/resources) but if pupils choose to not follow the charter they drop down a level. Sir responds that he felt reluctant to take thing away from people that make bad choices as it may be related to other reasons. Ethan brings up the fact that some members of Year 11 feel that they are treated unfairly. Ethan brought up that some pupils feel like others get softer sanctions. Mr Milton brings up that sanctions are factored by the needs of the person. Vikas raised that the school can feel sexist. Mr Milton would like to have those conversations directly with the staff and students involved. Ms Schroepfer clarified if that meant Mr Milton was open to joining restorative meetings with form staff and their pupils to tackle such concerns – Mr Milton agreed. Chloe commented on observing a surge in aggressive behaviour and language. Mr Milton thinks this behaviour is related to change e.g. festive events. Post 16 feels that the internet connection is too weak in the building and are having to manually connect computers to log on. Mr Milton said he was unaware and grateful to Owen for raising this so he can address it with Mr Shaw. *Oscar asked about the drop-bolt for the TISS gate.
Action by	Mr Milton to speak with Mr Shaw about the internet connection in the Phoenix block.
AOB	Post 16 concerns: Post 16 doesn't feel like a 6th form, lack of academic options e.g. A-levels. Reading+ is less dynamic than the range of activities Yr7-11. Don't feel able to join secondary clubs. Christian summarized that Post-16 can feel isolated. Ruby: Dairy-free options for School Dinners. Next meeting, Mr Payne would like to discuss the LGS Student Acceptable Use Policy regarding Devices and Social Media.