

Secondary School Council Minutes

Date	7.7.25 L4L Room 1:45
Chairperson	H. Schroeffer
Attendees	Year 7: Hazel, Faith and Olivia Year 8: Chris and Lacey-May Year 9: Finley and Toby Year 10: Oscar Post-16: Nina (Communications Officer) Staff support: Miss White, Miss Dixon, Mrs Reeves
Apologies/ abs	Hazel, Aden, P16
Point 1	<u>Points raised by pupils this month:</u> 7: Quiet place for pupils to place /return to Yr7 garden if behaving appropriately As the year 8 students will have to leave the quieter area, it would be good for them to still have a quiet place to sit and talk or read. Miss White suggests adapting the garden into a sensory garden as a quiet space for the year 8s. A covered, benched area for reading, and sensory planting for a tranquil place. A suggestion of the year 8s to go back to the year 7 outside area, once the year 7 pupils spread themselves out onto the wider play areas, was also put forward. Lighter and breathable PE Kit Students would prefer a lighter, looser and more breathable PE top. Some pupils cannot wear the PE tops as the type of fabric causes sensory distress. It was also suggested the colour of the fabric was too dark, causing overheating in the hot sun. A suggestion of reversing the colours for Summer might help, have the main body of the shirt the lighter blue, and the piping in the dark blue. A possibility of having reversible shirts, with both colours. There was also a discussion about Sports Leaders having different colour shirts. Updating reading boards The suggestion will be shared with Ms Eastwood Toby: New pizza recipe Concerns about shop-bought processed pizza as it tastes of dough and not much topping – pupils request school-made pizza. As hand-made pizza takes longer to make, the dessert on the day would be a quicker option. Also the beef meatballs was provided once, could the school go back to the original recipe as it is preferable to the pork alternative. Pupils ask is the crumble made on or offsite?
Action by	Request a Yr8 only quiet play area – Mr Milton Email Mrs Smith re: menu Mr Milton and Miss Dixon have been spoken to about garden designs with the pupils – pupil designs can begin in L4L.

Point 2	Ms Dixon: Sustainability at LGS More recycling opportunities; exploring solar and wind energy (collaborating with Ms Tomlinson). Recycling for plastics – hubs with recycling bins? Eco-warriors in each year group? Those acting as hub Eco-warriors may need to have their lunch earlier. There would need to be a rinse station for any plastics that would need rinsing before recycling. Talks with recycling companies will take place over the Summer holiday Collab with L4L, Food Tech and Gardening/Biology – drop down weeks for all pupils to get the opportunity to support the outside spaces. NK: Reward incentives for the greenest class/hub The school is looking to reduce its carbon footprint, therefore they are researching the possibility of solar/wind power. There will be visits from companies over the Summer holiday. Eco bricks are also an option, we could keep the plastics and use the Eco-brick equipment to build things for the school. Miss White has suggested adapting the garden area to be a whole-school Sensory space
Action by	Eco Group to start in Term 1 led by Miss Dixon, supported by Ms Schroepfer and Mrs Tuckell HS and MW: Researching pupil preferences for adapting the garden area to be a Sensory space for relaxing / reading in.
Point 3	Mrs Reeves: Pupil Leadership We are looking for pupils with leadership skills to help with leadership in the school. We have House captains and deputies, School council and sports leaders, but we need other leaders too, such as Eco-Warriors, Lunchtime Heroes and play leaders. Some Primary students need play leaders to teach them how to play games. Play leaders could also set up equipment for others to play on and oversee the play to ensure others are playing kindly and sensibly. CB: We need more pupil-led clubs and use the empty classrooms for chosen games based on pupil interests, e.g. Beyblades, Just Dance, Mario, D+D As an example, FP went to Primary last year to teach them First Aid, this was enjoyed by everyone who took part. Forest School Leaders suggested by 8HS after RO and AW impressed staff during Nature Makers workshop. Mrs Reeves: A questionnaire could go to form tutors, to discuss with their form groups, which clubs they would like.
Action by	KR to send questionnaire to form groups

Waiting feedback on issues raised by pupils:

AW: Please could we have an up-to-date Clubs poster in all hubs so pupils do not miss clubs

Faith: Can pupils have an update about the taped-off outdoor equipment please.

Hazel: Primary and Secondary teachers, please only write names on classroom whiteboards for positive things; some children feel uncomfortable with names on board for negatives.

Feedback for kitchen: Taco boats are still “too spicy” but spice lovers appreciate the salsa and jalapeños.

Toby: Please can Chicken thighs on week 2 Thursday have a sauce.

Taxi Safety: Pupils are concerned about grocery deliveries occurring while pupils are dismounting from their taxis.

Still waiting on response from SLT for outdoor memorial equipment.