

Secondary School Council Minutes

Date	8.9.25 L4L Room 11-11:50
Chairperson	H. Schroepfer
Attendees	Year 7: (Not voted in yet) Year 8: Hazel, Faith and Olivia Year 9: Chris and Lacey-May Year 10: Finley and Toby Yr11: Work Experience Post-16: Thurston and Leo Nina (Communications Officer) Staff support: Miss Wainwright
Apologies/abs	Art Leaders: Maddie and Lewis on Work Experience
Point 1	HS read Miss Marsh's response regarding attendance mark The council appreciated Miss Marsh sharing the government expectations for the school reporting attendance, but there is ongoing confusion about the data shared on reports about time in lessons. Interviews The Council have been asked to support English teacher interviews this Thursday. Due to the interview timetable only two councillors can commit to all interviews. Panel: CB, LMH, Construction timetable constraints: TE, FH Asking MO and KP as KS4 deputies to support. Later interview date changed and Student Council involvement cancelled.
Action by	(To inform Maths and English teachers)
Point 2	Tag HF said that the use of tags during 'Tag': there are frustration and coordination difficulties. LF: I have seen people yanking arms even with the tags – so sporting rules need to be clearer. FW: Explained that the tags were introduced due to injury which they respect but it is not helping. Miss W: Suggestion for collective rules and boundaries for breaktime tag. Everyone is clear on the rules. Ms S: Link to Mrs Reeves Play Leaders idea.
Action by	Ms S to ask forms and PE Dept to consider for rules to be decided as a collective Monday 13 th Oct.
Point 3	Hello Yellow Day Bake Sale Miss W: Names for Bake Sale all morning: TE, F p.3, HF p.3, LF p.4
Action by	Miss W to share timetable to staff and pupils.
Point 4	Lunches – improving Pupil Voice F: Changes have limited some pupils' access to eating pupil dinners LF: Previous issue earlier in the term, we were getting small portions. Mr Parkin clarified the serving sizes especially for the oldest students. FH: I agree, I was given one piece of chicken and three potatoes on roast dinner day.

	OC: The new meatballs have received complaints across the hubs as they crumble and are served with the sauce. The pupils request a return to separate parts of the dinner to facilitate sensory preferences e.g. sauce or no sauce. TE and LF: Unannounced changes e.g. meatballs served in the sauce stopped pupils eating. This can cause unnecessary stress from changes and sometimes pupils not eating. NK: Children's choice – please can it include representatives across the school. HS explained that Nat had a meeting with Primary and is also working on photos to represent the new menu. LF: Accurate photographs representing the food would support pupils and limit waste as pupils are misinterpreting. Year 10: Missing the BBQ chicken. FW: The new banoffee pie is not as popular. Feedback sheet: Visual and zones of regulation colour coded. Designed by NK and adapted by 10CR. Shown to the council for feedback – no changes made. FH: Can 'packed lunchers' comment? HS: Yes, just clearly say that you are packed lunch (P.L.) that day. HF: Bigger for handwriting FW: Not enough pupils use the Suggestion Box TE: I did mention it in assembly... HS: Do you want to create a promo video for it for assembly? HF: Can we have another suggestion box upstairs in the main building?
Action by	Miss Wainwright took the feedback sheet and is going to enlarge to A3 lunch feedback sheets for each hub duty staff to offer Pupil Voice from Monday 13th October (Week 1 of new menu) Council support Nat HZ photographing meals for a visual menu and ask if this can be made whole school when complete. HS to talk to site team and Mr Ursell about additional Suggestion Boxes in Phoenix and upper floor of Secondary.
Point 5	Remembrance Day In a previous meeting with History Lead Miss Wheeler, it was suggested to have the option of gathering together for a Remembrance assembly in the Sports Hall Tuesday 11th November. Without disrupting the mock exams, there will be a short reflective service during period 2 (for KS3 and those not in the mock exam KS4 and 5) in the hall before a 2-minute silence altogether. The pupils request doing the silence at 11am and then having a longer break (e.g. 11:10-11:25) so p.3 starting at 11:25. NK and FW: Can pupils still have the option of a small virtual reflection time in their form room? (HS and RW agreed this was always available at LGS for those that need it.) LF: P16 can feel isolated when we do not get together physically as a school – I think it is important to mark events together. Poppies will hopefully go on sale after half term via Student Councillors. Opportunity for Art Leaders to design and lead on remembrance community art mural/piece – to be added to and displayed in the hall like students and staff adding poppies to wreath or memorial display.
Action by	HS to ask Leadership about the Remembrance assembly and change to timetable. HS to inform SL and Art Leaders of Remembrance opportunity. HS to ask Nat H-Z for update with Poppies.