

Secondary School Council Minutes

Date	28/04/2026
Chairperson	N Benbow
Attendees	YR 7 Blake, Alana, Harrison YR 8 Faith , Mason , Hazel YR 9 Chris, Alfie, Alice YR 10 Katherine, Finley, Alex , Max YR 11 Maddie, Lucca, Strive Cerys Post 16 Thurston
Thank-you	Thank you Cerys, Blake, Alana Chris, Alice, Maddie, Alife, Thurston and Leo for their help with selling Red Noses. Secondary School raised £107.
Questions from the SSC for Mr Milton	Hazel raised that the basketball hoop being near the climbing frame could be an issue. Mr Milton explained that this was no different than other ball sports played in the school and is not issue. He also apologised that we didn't yet have a net on the basketball hoop, it is something we hope to have installed soon. Hazel asked about updates for the metal water bottle ban and if it would be over soon. Mr Milton explained that ban remained in place as it could be dangerous if a dysregulated pupil threw a metal water bottle. He then talked about alternatives. Someone said about teachers having metal bottles which pupils could also throw, and Mr Milton agreed on talking to teachers about it. Faith asked about pupils regulating on spinning chairs and if they could be in all classrooms. Mr Milton explained it helps some people and doesn't help others therefore it wasn't something that the school would have in all classrooms. He explained where pupils could access them if they needed to. Thurston asked about the possibility of a bench swing to help stressed pupils regulate for the Post 16 garden. Mr Milton agreed that it could be a good idea and that he would talk with Mr Parkin and the School Business manager regarding the Post 16 budget and whether something like that was possible. Faith and Hazel asked about making the uniforms for comfortable to help pupils who help to find it uncomfortable. Mr Milton said the company which the school orders the uniform from can adjust uniforms to make them more comfortable. Someone also asked about having a plain t-shirt with the school logo on it so it's more comfortable and Hazel said about making the PE kit lighter since its hot in the summer. This is something Mr Milton with look into with SLT. Lucca said about lots of balls going on the roof. Mr Milton explained that this has been investigated previously and that both raising the Muga fence or putting a fence on the roof were not viable options. Hazel asked if kneecaps protectors could be available for pupils while playing football. Mr Milton explained that due to hygiene reasons if students wanted to use Kneecap protectors, they could bring their own ones to school. However, students can use the school shinpads if they want to.
Point 1	School lunches (Student choice) Finley mentioned taco boats being taken off the menu when people liked them. Mason said other pupils don't like it and it had been on the menu for a while. Thurston said about more topping options for pizza for example pepperoni. Miss Chaplin said that it could be an option for children's choice in the future. Kayden said about people not liking the quiche on Monday. Someone said why has quiche being added to the menu. Mr Benbow said that he would make sure Miss Smith (Head of the Kitchen) was at the next SC meeting to explain in more detail. Mr Benbow raised people liking all day breakfast and there were mixed responses. Someone asked if possibly the all-day breakfast could include hash browns.

	Hazel asked could dessert be chocolate cake. Someone asked about if chocolate cake was allowed in the menu. Mr Benbow explained that it could be allowed on the Students choice menu. Finley asked about a previous meeting which a member of the school dinner staff attended and mentioned about adapting the chicken goujons and that they could be on Student choice menu. Possibly with a choice of spicy and regular chicken goujons. Miss Chaplin said about the barbeque chicken being popular. Though it is already on the regular menu. Taco boats, Pepperoni pizza, Chicken goujons, All-day breakfast and Meatballs are the Student choice main options. 2 votes for taco boats 3 for pepperoni pizza 2 votes for all day breakfast. 4 votes for chicken goujons Max said about pasta and meatballs being taken off the menu. 6 votes for pasta and meatballs. For dessert everyone agreed on Chocolate cake with a gluten free option to also be made available.
Action by	Mr Benbow to feedback to Miss Smith
Point 2	Suggestion Box Jude suggested “An Easter bake sale” but since Easter has now already passed it could be a good idea for next year. Someone suggested about students having phones on trips. Mr Benbow said that this would be unlikely, but it is something we could ask Mr Milton at our next meeting. Someone wants the school to ban Spotify from student computers because Everet Rose is on there. However, SSC have expressed that they do not want to ban Spotify Max asked about who selected the Students choice and Mr Benbow explained that each term it was one choice from the primary school council and then one choice from the secondary council Hazel suggested to consider being able to have butter with the jacket potatoes school dinner. Mr Benbow said we could check with Miss Smith regarding this at our next meeting.
Action by	Mr Benbow to add questions for Mr Milton and Miss Smith to next SSC meeting’s agenda
Point 3	Lucca suggested about playing football against more schools.
Action by	Mr Benbow will follow up with Miss Rogers regarding this