# Meeting of the Whole School Council (All Form Representatives) Tuesday 17 October 2023 All Year groups well represented

#### Introduction and Welcome

Mr Thompson welcomed all the newly elected Form Representatives. They had an important task as role models for the rest of the school, and to be the voice for their Form group. It is important that they meet for individual Year Council Meetings, and that topics for discussion are passed on to their Year Representatives, so that a range of issues can be discussed at the whole school, School Council Meeting.



### **Open Evening**

Mr Thompson thanked all the students for helping at the 2023 Open Evening. This was the opportunity for our school to shine in the local community and beyond. The part students played in making this happen was really important. All indicators suggest that we are the most popular school in the LEA. We have the biggest sixth form, and over 1500 families applying for 240 places in Year 7. Our GCSE and 'A' Level results are excellent and our reputation for trips and other extra-curricular activities is really impressive. Approximately 2000 visitors attended Open Evening. The success of the school is down to our amazing students, staff and their hard work, achievement; and the way they look after and care for each other.

Discussion with Mrs Martinez How can we make learning more engaging and enjoyable?

- More practical lessons with more class discussion, debate and activities
- More open, working relationships with teachers, where students feel OK to make mistakes
- More pair and group work in lessons
- Students enjoy healthy competition both in and out of lessons.

This was an extremely positive discussion. It will be followed up by the Student Council Teaching and Learning groups which have been organized by Mrs Martinez.

## Future topics for Discussion

Some items too expensive in the restaurant

Extend Coding clubs. More D&T.

Toilet issues: Mirrors, Locks, Doors, Dryers, Leaks

Sport: More resources (balls) Champions Court sign. Year 12 Football team

### **School Values**

We read through Winchmore School's Anti-Bullying Code, Core Values and Behaviour Expectations. The School Council agreed that the statements were relevant and appropriate, particularly in light of the conflict in Israel and the Palestinian areas. It is important that school remains neutral and does not take sides.

Please let your Form / Year Representatives know if there are other topics you would like to be discussed. As an Arts
College and
International
School,
thank you for
attending the
meeting.





