



# Student

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## MEETING OF THE WHOLE SCHOOL COUNCIL May 2025

### Introduction and Welcome

Minutes of previous meeting read. No matters arising.

Mr.Thompson thanked the Form and Year Representatives for attending this meeting.

The New Sixth Form Centre, PE changing rooms and Champions Court are all up and running. We've listened to the students and their voice has been really helpful in creating some new state of the art facilities. The Sixth Form Reps said that the catering and toilet facilities were really good. Mr.Thompson added that this was the model we wanted to follow for the rest of the school, but it will take time.



### Lunchtime

End of breaktime and lunch, the options are really limited. We are taught so much about healthy eating in food technology lessons, this needs to be reflected and replicated in our catering provision. More simple food, done well. The students gave advice as to how we could improve our food waste recycling.

Please can the toilets be checked more regularly, including door locks, paper towels and soap. Pros and cons of removing the outer toilet doors were discussed. It is about a small minority of students behaving more responsibly in toilet areas. How can we work together to make this happen?



### Clubs, Activities and Corridors

We are trying to improve our displays around the school. Please look after our environment and our displays, which are important for displaying outstanding work and providing information about what's happening in and around school.

Could we have more up to date art work on display from the Art Department?

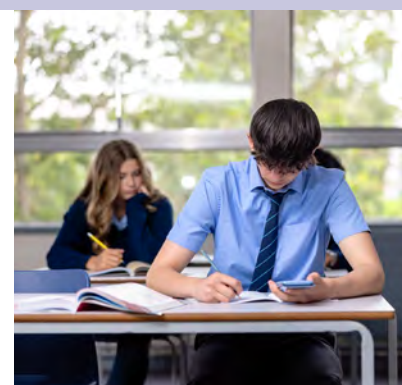
Thank you to the Sixth Form activity leaders. They help to make our lunchtimes more interesting and constructive.

### Expectation and Learning

Please remind each other about our expectations. Especially:

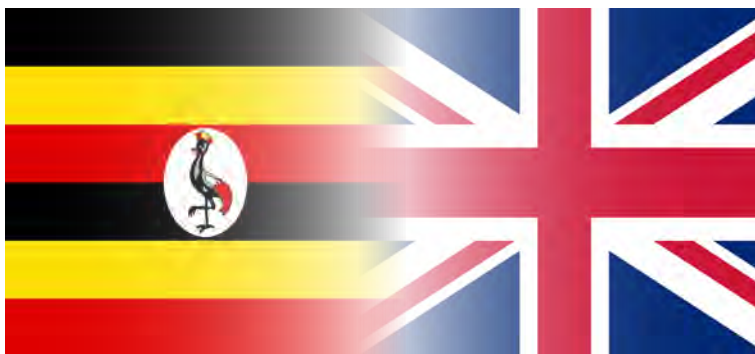
- Behaviour for learning in the classroom
- Behaviour on the corridors
- School uniform
- Looking after our environment

It's much better when the students are taking responsibility for these areas, and making improvements themselves, rather than being told what to do.



## Special Guests Visiting

On Thursday 22 May, we will have special guests visiting the school. This will include the Ugandan Minister for Education and his team. We will be sharing the things we do really well at Winchmore, and talking about how to improve training and employment opportunities for school leavers. We will also be talking about our international projects and our links with China, Spain, Ukraine, Kenya, France and now Uganda. Please ask everyone to be warm, friendly and welcoming to our Ugandan visitors, and let's present our school in the best possible light.



Ask students in your form group if they have any links with Uganda and let Mr Thompson know.

## ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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The School Council needs a re-launch with a clear structure and regular and timely meetings. Google classrooms could play a part in this. Mr Thompson to discuss with Heads of Year.

Assemblies should be in the school calendar, so that students know when special themes and events will be presented to the Year group.

## Thank You

Thank you to everybody who has contributed to the student council this year. Please keep letting your Form Representatives know your views and opinions.

Have a safe, happy, restful half term holiday.

*Happy Half Term!*



## Winchmore School Expectations

We want Winchmore to be an outstanding school for everyone, where all students can succeed and achieve their best. In order to ensure this happens, we need to focus on four major priorities. These are:

### Improving Behaviour for Learning Uniform Punctuality to lessons Looking after our environment

I want to remind you of our whole school expectations for all students, and of my expectations for you in my tutor group. Last term there was a small number of students who were not following our school expectations and values, and so it is important that everybody hears what I am about to say.

You must arrive at registration and at lessons on time. Latecomers disrupt teaching and learning. This is not acceptable. You must make sure you are prepared for learning by bringing the following equipment to each lesson. This includes your exercise books, completed homework, pen, pencil, ruler, rubber, calculator,

We operate seating plans in lessons and you must sit in the seat decided by the teacher without argument.

You are expected to follow the teacher's instructions first time every time without any argument.

Rudeness, arguing, refusal to follow instructions or disrupting learning will not be tolerated. And will lead to further action including detention, removal from class, internal exclusion or fixed term suspension.

Mobile phones earphones / buds are not allowed in school. We have a rule about mobile phones which says 'See it, hear it, lose it'. If we see or hear a mobile phone, it will be confiscated.

You are not allowed to leave your lesson unless you have a special note from your Head of Year.

### UNIFORM

We are a uniform school and you, your parents and carers signed a contract stating that our uniform code would be followed in school, and to and from school. Smart uniform is a sign of our commitment to learning, gives a good impression of the school and promotes equal opportunities.

*Our expectations are:*

You must wear full school uniform every day.

Trainers are only allowed to be worn in PE lessons and on the Champions Court.

Hoodies are banned and will be confiscated on sight. Any confiscated item is recorded by the Head of Year and parents and carers are informed.

Hats must not be worn inside the building and must be placed inside bags immediately on entering the building.

We expect you to look smart in your uniform. This means shirts tucked in, trousers pulled up and other items of uniform worn appropriately.

If you arrive at school in the wrong uniform and without a signed and dated note from home, you are very likely to be sent home to change.

## BEHAVIOUR ON THE CORRIDORS

As GCSE and 'A' Level examinations have already started, it is really important that you are quiet and sensible when moving around the corridors. Examinations take place at all times of the day so it is important we do not disturb students when they are taking their exams. We expect you to:

Walk sensibly and quietly on the left- no calling out or shouting. We use language which is kind and respectful.

Keep moving so you don't cause a blockage on the corridors.

Please move straight to lessons so you arrive on time.

Fighting, including play-fighting is not allowed. Remember our 'hand's-off' rule. We keep our hands and feet to ourselves and we respect each other's personal space.

Please remember that many lessons are doubles and so do not disturb them at change of lessons.

If you have to go into the playground at change of lessons to get to your next lesson, you must still follow these rules and move quietly, sensibly and quickly.

Before lessons begin, line up quietly outside your classroom and wait for your teachers' instructions.

If you have a medical or toilet pass, you must carry it with you at all times, and show it to a member of staff when asked.

## LOOKING AFTER OUR ENVIRONMENT

We must all work together to create an attractive, clean, safe and healthy environment where everybody can achieve their best. Please:

Dispose of all litter sensibly and carefully.

Do not leave food in playgrounds or on the corridors. There will be more information about this next week.

Only eat or drink in 'eating only' places (the dining room, the quad and the quiet area near music)

Bottles and food must be hidden away on the corridors and in the playgrounds.

Chewing gum and lollipops are not allowed in school.

Detentions and other sanctions will be issued to anybody who fails to follow these expectations.

We must all respect and care for our school, community and the global environment.

**To summarize please follow our four minimum expectations and our school values which you will see displayed around the school:**

Our Values are the 4 C's:

**Courtesy, Commitment, Cooperation and Contribution**

Our minimum expectations include:

**Follow instructions first time, every time**

**Focus on learning, we all have the right to learn**

**Be at the right place at the right time**

**Treat others as you would like to be treated yourself**

Let's work together to make sure this is the most successful term possible so that you all enjoy your learning and achieve your absolute best. Let us be especially supportive and considerate of those students taking important examinations which will help to decide their future. Thank you for listening and all the best for a great half term.