



Student

COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE WHOLE SCHOOL COUNCIL - 22 September 2025

Introduction and Welcome

Mr Thompson began the meeting by going through key 'school expectations' documents. These included 'Minimum Expectations' School Values (4C's) and the 'Anti-bullying, Equal Opportunities Code'. The contents were considered to be appropriate and agreed by the School Council.

Future Agenda Items

The Representatives requested the following items to be discussed at future meetings.

- School lunches. There could be more menu choice in terms of healthy eating options, and what is available towards the end of the lunch session. As the session progresses, food choices become more limited. Ms Marlowe will invite the food provider to a special School Council meeting to discuss the situation further.
- Toilet facilities. The toilet and changing room facilities have recently been upgraded with repairs made. Ms Marlowe asked the students how we can all work together to ensure the toilet facilities and changing areas remain fit for purpose and are respected and cared for by everyone. Please can we discuss this in our tutor groups.
- School uniform especially in relation to equal opportunities.
- How we can give students a higher profile in leading school council meetings.

Mr Thompson said there will be other agenda items for School Council meetings. It was important to raise discussion topics at your individual Year Council meetings, with form representatives, so that they can be brought to the whole School Council meetings with Year representatives. All meetings should take place within a half term cycle.

4C's

**COOPERATION
COURTESY
COMMITMENT
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COOPERATION

- All teachers have the right to teach, and all students have the right to learn
- Follow instructions first time, every time
- Work with other students and teachers to find solutions
- Treat each other fairly
- Listen and respond positively to the contribution of others
- Resolve any differences calmly through discussion
- Work and learn together as a team
- Always work quietly, remember learning is our priority
- Always follow the Winchmore Expectations for Learning and other school rules

COURTESY

- Always be kind and considerate
- Show respect by saying please and thank you
- Treat others as you would expect to be treated
- Be polite at all times - it is never acceptable to swear or be rude
- Listen carefully when others are speaking
- Respect each others' personal space, keep hands and comments to yourself
- Never use words to make fun or humiliate
- Respect different viewpoints and value the contributions of others
- Welcome all visitors and newcomers, show them your best
- Show the same courtesy on the way to and from school and on the bus

COMMITMENT

- Have confidence in yourself and always be the best that you can be
- Attend school every day and arrive on time
- Be proud of yourself and of our school
- Respect your learning, remember it's your future
- Bring your equipment and be ready to learn
- Don't give up even when things are difficult
- Take risks and learn from your mistakes
- Always be honest with yourself and others, and do the right thing
- Wear your uniform with pride and take care of your appearance

CONTRIBUTION

- Make an effort to participate in class and whole school activities
- Involve yourself and others in the school community
- Work together to improve learning
- Help others to learn by sharing your ideas
- Help to look after and improve our school environment
- Look after display work around the school
- Act responsibly at all times and report any damage you may find
- Make an effort to contribute to charity events

MINIMUM EXPECTATIONS

Follow instructions first time, every time

Be in the right place at the right time

Focus on Learning we all have the right to learn

Treat others as you would like to be treated yourself

Feedback from the whole school mobile phone ban

- It would help if Winchmore staff were role models and didn't use their phones in front of students unless it was work related or an emergency
- If a phone goes off during a lesson, it's not fair that everyone is kept back for the time it takes for the incident to be investigated
- Isn't it better to educate about the risks of mobile phones rather than carry out a strict whole school ban
- There should have been a longer 'grace period' for students to get used to and prepare for the ban

Expectation and Learning

Mr Thompson and Ms Marlowe were extremely impressed by the positive and respectful way form representatives conducted themselves throughout the meeting and for their considered, intelligent and insightful comments.



NO MOBILE PHONES IN SCHOOL

See it. Hear it. Lose it!

What Happens Next?

If a student has a phone confiscated **it will not be returned until the following Tuesday** after it has been confiscated.

This means that a student will be without their mobile phone for at least one weekend.

EVERY NEW DAY AT SCHOOL IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN, GROW, AND SHINE LIKE NEVER BEFORE.

Thank you to everybody who volunteered to help out on the Open Evening. Please remember to be in full school uniform and make sure your parents and carers collect you by 8.45 from Laburnum Grove.

Mr Thompson thanked everybody for attending. Please discuss the minutes of this meeting in tutor groups and feedback your comments to your year representatives and Head of Year.

All the best for a happy, productive, safe and successful new school year.