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## MEETING OF THE WHOLE SCHOOL COUNCIL - 12th March 2026

### Introduction and Welcome

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

### Wellbeing Provision at Our School

Mrs Cowan, who is in charge of wellbeing at Winchmore, talked about wellbeing provision. Mrs Cowan asked the students if they felt we could be doing more to ensure the wellbeing of students. Are there ways we can improve what we are offering? We let students know about wellbeing provision through assemblies and workshops. The students responded by talking about the importance of good mental health and the importance of the wellbeing provision. However, the messages do not always get through. Communication could be improved using Google classrooms to notify students of the provision and upcoming events. This will be discussed at the meeting of the school leadership team.

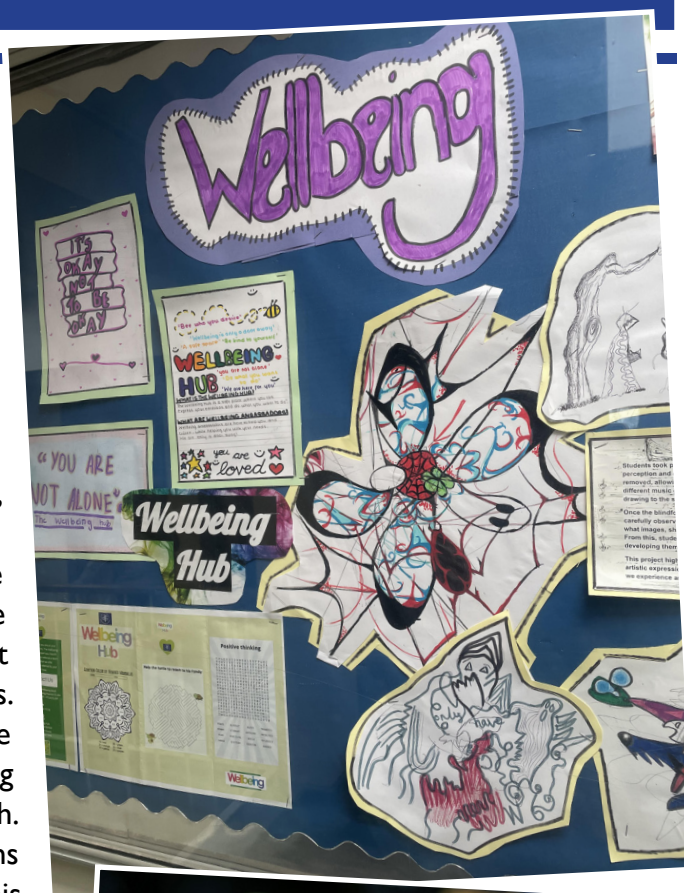
### Lunchtimes and related matters

Winchmore School's Business Manager, Ms Marlowe, led this discussion. The New Sixth Form Centre, PE changing rooms and Champions Court are now well established. The students have been listened to and their voice has been really helpful in creating some new state of the art facilities.

Well done and thank you to all students for the maturity and responsibility they showed earlier this term when we needed to close the school early due to heating and draining issues.

We are reducing the number of drinks available in plastic bottles in the school restaurant for environmental reasons. We need to encourage everyone to bring their own water bottles into school and make use of the water fountains. Some water fountains need to be repaired.

Toilets need to be checked more regularly for soap, bins, tissues and sanitary towels. The standard of provision is always high at the beginning of the term, but the toilets can be subject to abuse by an extremely small minority of students. Please don't let the minority spoil it for the majority. Please report any signs of damage or abuse.





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### Clubs and Activities

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

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

Please can there be more subject specific enrichment activities which support students as they prepare for examinations. In addition, can there be more extra-curricular activities to help students prepare for post-school destinations, including work experience. This would be appreciated, especially by students who are taking GCSE subjects.



### Supporting Students who are Taking External Examinations

As GCSE, 'A' Level and other examinations have already started, it is really important that we 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.

**A sixth form student told us how difficult it was for them to concentrate during their Physics Examination because of the shouting they could hear from outside.**

Please, please, please be mindful of the level of noise, especially during examinations. Please follow the instructions on any signs on display, and respect the barriers, especially during May and June, and particularly the barriers between the Maths corridor and Sports Hall, and in the old 6th Form area between Business and Science.

Please support students who are doing 'life-changing' examinations by remembering:

- That many lessons are doubles, so do not disturb them at the change of lessons
- Walk sensibly and quietly on the left on corridors- no calling out or shouting. Use language which is kind and respectful
- Keep moving so you don't cause a blockage on the corridors
- Please walk straight to lessons so you arrive on time
- Fighting, including play-fighting, is not allowed. Remember our 'hands-off' rule. We keep our hands and feet to ourselves and we respect each other's personal space.



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



### Relationships, Sex and Health Education: Feedback

RSHE themes and approaches can change very quickly and content, particularly in the sixth form needs to be regularly updated, to keep abreast of events. Some students do not always give RSHE the attention it deserves. There could be more differentiation, as some students need to hear and understand key and essential messages more than others.

To give it the status, relevance and attention it deserves, and so that students can be really engaged, RSHE could be a curriculum subject taught by subject teachers. Alternatively, there could be special RSHE whole days, dedicated to essential themes and content. Can these ideas be considered?

Year 11 need to spend more RSHE time preparing for exams and the Literacy and Numeracy revision books need to be more differentiated. Assemblies by guest speakers tend to be very good. Mr Mendes' 'Black British Leaders' assemblies were most impressive and inspirational.

### Any other business

- Can assemblies be listed in the school calendar, so that students know when special themes and events will be presented to their Year group? Can this be put on Google Classroom?
- Can there be a Google classroom for the School Council?
- Can Study leave be earlier in the year for Year 11? Also, can Year 11 bring into school their electronic revision aides which will cater more for individual learning and revision needs?
- Can there be more 'meeting and greeting', 'getting to know' you opportunities for external students entering the sixth form, and also for encouraging and preparing students to get involved in the School Council
- We need to prevent congestion in Laburnum Grove especially at the start and end of the day. Please can this be discussed within tutor groups, with any suggestions you may have.

Thank you to everybody who has contributed to the School Council this year. Please keep letting your Form Representatives know your views and opinions. Have a safe, happy, and restful Easter Holiday