



Student

COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE WHOLE STUDENT COUNCIL - 14th September 2026

Introduction and Welcome

Mr. Thompson highlighted the central role of the Student Council and stressed the importance of student input in driving school improvements. Recent voting initiatives include gathering feedback on Parents' Evening preferences (Online vs. Face-to-Face), with an upcoming opportunity to provide feedback on lanyard use for Year 7s upwards. The student council works via elected Form and Year Representatives.

Key Feedback

Teaching & Learning

- Review one subject being taught over three lessons in one day
- Some students requested more art and drama lessons
- Review class sizes because some classes are very big
- Can more time be provided between lessons for students to get from one end of the school to the other
- Staff briefing meetings sometimes cause slight delays to the start of period 1
- Can laptops/tablets be permanently located in classrooms to avoid trolley movement disruptions

6th Form Specifics

- Install bag hooks in 6th Form toilets; empty bins more frequently in the 6th Form block; provide student planners
- Consider scheduling Form Time at the start of the day for important announcements; refocus 6th Form tutor time on interview preparation and post-school destinations; run more Y12 icebreaker activities
- Reconsider the timing of 6th Form detentions for students with partial timetables





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Canteen & Catering

- In the sixth form, offer even more healthier options, salads, and sandwiches in the cafés; and expand halal and fish options in school generally
- Clarify if 6th Form can use the main canteen; add canteen feedback forms for weekly meal requests; review queuing times

Facilities, Health & Well-being

- Ensure regular soap refills in toilets; place more water stations and recycling bins around school
- Increase supervision outside the toilets
- Additional guidance and support for Year 7 and other younger students so that they feel comfortable to report incidents of bullying including cyber bullying

School Community

- Revise trip payment opportunities on a first come first serve basis on Parentpay, because some parents cannot sign up for a trip until late in the day
- Provide more detailed maps for new Year 7 students; introduce more charity initiatives (e.g., Shoebox Appeal); supply additional sports gear at lunch and breaktimes (e.g., table tennis equipment)

The minutes of this meeting were discussed at the Leadership meeting on 15th September 2026, with many points being followed up. Mr Owen and the Leadership Team thank the student council for their constructive ideas and feedback, their contributions will help to move the school forward as we embark on another exciting school year.

