

School Council Meeting: 24th January 2024

Attendees: Mr Foster, Miss Phipps, Mrs Garrett, Mr Hughes, Representatives from: 11C3, 9C1, 9M1, 7W1, 7W2, 7C2, 7M1, 7M2, 10M1, 10C1, 12M2, 8C2, 8W1, 8C1, 8B1

Minutes: Representative from 9C1

Chair: Mr Foster

1. You said we did...

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You would like to see new types of food days and include world themed days.	The bistro has calendared themed food days throughout the year and so far, Italian Day and Chinese New Year day has taken place. More to follow.
You thought we should have a Culture Day and it should be a fair where pupils can travel around stalls learning about different cultures.	Culture Day is taking place during the Summer term.
A School Councillor outside of the meeting wrote to us asking for more information to be shared with pupils about the situation between Palestine and Israel.	Assemblies are to take place in the Spring Term supported by School Councillors.

2. Miss Phipps: **Mental Health and wellbeing**

- School Council will takeover Mental Health podcast- it will be released once or twice a month. Councillors volunteered to become involved.
- Miss Phipps asked for School Council ideas of ways to support pupils with mental health
- Councillors thought a box where pupils can post anonymous letters might be a way for pupils to open up. Miss Phipps said the letters box is a good idea but couldn't be anonymous as we need to know who a pupil is if they disclose something serious.
- Progress meetings – Yr7 s meeting up with older pupils to talk was an idea put forward by School Council.
- One hour of tuition from older students to younger students to support studies and relieve the stress of homework was suggested.
- Councillors suggested sharing top tips to help those who struggle with wellbeing.
- Miss Phipps thanked the Council for their feedback.



3. Mrs Garrett : **icentre Services.**

- Book recommendations- Councillors suggested a range of titles and asked for more sports books and biographies.
- Mrs Garrett explained her plan to bring icentre boxes of books to forms and invite forms to the icentre to support their book replenishment and recommend books to pupils,
- Student councillors to ask around (e.g. forms) for book recommendations

4. **Lunch with Mayor of Walsall**

- Those who want to participate must write an A4 letter to Mr Foster about contribution to the school and community by Monday 29th January 2024.
- Takes place on 12th February 2024.
- Opportunity to engage with local leaders and pitch your ideas to them.

5. Mr Hughes- **Attendance:**

- Mr Hughes asked councillors for their thoughts and ideas for attendance rewards.
- Suggestion of rewards for those who had 100% up until GCSEs since Yr7 and not just up to Y12.
- End of the year picnic on the field for high attenders.
- Vouchers to spend in a variety of shops.
- A pass to allow pupils into sports hall to do activities.
- Front of queue passes for the Bistro at lunch time.
- Lunch vouchers for a day.
- Pizza Bagels for 100% attendance people for a term.
- Inflatables event on field as done in previous years.

6. Any other business:

- None.

