

Student Voice Minutes
October 2017

1. Welcome and introductions

- Returning and new student voice members welcomed
- members introduced selves with reason they want to be a part student of student voice

Examples:

- ‘Thomas Hardy has given me a lot, I would like to give something back’
- ‘ I want to make the school a better place for EVERYONE’
- ‘ To speak out for those unable to’
- ‘ To make a meaningful positive impact on the school’

2. Dorchester Youth Council

- short presentation from Esme, encouraging students to join the Dorchester Youth council to extend their work on the student voice to the town.

3. College feedback

Stratford:

School link – building a link with Wenzhou no.22 and organizing an exchange for current year 9s in 2018, with a return visit

Charity- going to be working with Dorchester Opportunity Group – volunteering; walk for water

Environment – work with Damers, beach cleans

Henning:

Charity Grow a fiver, Cake sale

School link meeting Letter being written to be sent out at end of month.

Environment still to meet, new year 9 members identified.

Trenchard:

Environment committee- launched start of recycling 2017-2018 with 4 new linked TGs.

International Committee- Meeting to create 'recipe postcards' which can be shared with our link school (KC international school- India). They are going to return and we can have a cooking session!

Charity- Meeting to come up with new ideas about how we can raise money for Julia's House.

Napier:

International – Links set up with 3 schools in Japan (Kyoto). Students are in the process of putting together a booklet to send off to the schools with some “profiles” of each student.

Environment – Year 9 will be volunteering some days with the Dorset Wildlife Trust and in the Spring, work will take place on new “Wildlife Friendly” spaces around the school grounds.

Charity – A “big” event is planned for later in the year – but at the moment it's top secret!

- Members appointed to represent each college to feedback on college committees at student voice meetings
- Henning: Isabella, Rowan
- Stratford: Harry, Archie
- Napier: Harrison Hewitt, Melissa
- Trenchard: Ruth, Alice

4. Student voice manifestos

- Members divided into four groups each focussing on the four student voice manifesto points: Guidance, Curriculum for life, ensuring the school is an accepting and welcoming environment for all students , and transition to sixth form.