

Minutes – Student Voice Meeting, Period 1, Conference Room

Present:

Year 9: Ted Bennett-Cronk 9AS, Charles Bone 9HR, Niall Summers 9HB, Sarah Trott 9KL, Lilly Lamb 9NW, Imogen Bell 9NW

Year 10: Emma Joyce 10EB, Joe Morgan 10GH, Alan Saji 10MJ, Shanina Gill 10EL, Jess Stacey 10SA, Celia Hounsell 10TB, Grace van Zyl 10DD, Dilys Goodridge 10GM

Year 11: Kate O'Brien 11RD, Emma Samways 11THE, Will Morgan 11THE, Matthew Torok 11GHi, Michael Norman 11PP

Mrs Chittenden, Ms Brady

1. Ms Brady asked the SV to help evaluate the provision of careers education at THS by designing and carrying out a questionnaire for lower school students and potentially also staff. It was suggested that the ideas of Futures and Careers could be made separate and more distinct. One suggestion was to do a survey through Survey Monkey and get all classes to complete it at the beginning of IT lessons.

Suggested questions:

What does Careers Education mean to you?

Who would you go to for advice and guidance?

What careers activities have you taken part in and enjoyed?

Are you aware of how Year 9/A-Level options can affect future education/career choices?

Would you have found it useful to have had some form of careers input before choosing options in Year 9 and if so, why?

Looking in the Year 9 option booklet or sixth form prospectus, were the career-related options for different subjects clear to you and if not how could they be made more so?

Did you find the Year 10 mock interview experience useful and if so why? What do you know about work experience?

What suggestions have you got to improve careers education at THS?

(For teachers) Where would you send students if they asked about careers advice?

Michael Norman and Kate O'Brien will work with Mrs Brady on this.

2. College council feedback
 - a. Trenchard: Continued work towards reducing energy use, e.g. turning off laptops, as well as carrying on with Guide Dogs for the blind charity work as with Trenchard the dog.
 - b. Napier – not enough representatives in attendance to inform.
 - c. Stratford – Environment project in conjunction with Damers First School continues although the joint beach clean has been postponed twice. The Walk for Water will happen again on the 13th of March.
 - d. Henning – Charity talent show upcoming on 23rd March featuring student acts and teachers lip sync battle. The event is in aid of Macmillan Cancer Research. The international committee has exchanged letters with a school in India.

3. Feedback. It was suggested that a small group of students go to the Spring Term 2016 DASP Student Voice conference on Tuesday 22nd of March. They make a short 5-minute presentation to suggest the idea of going to other DASP schools to look at how they manage feedback and to make contact links in order to make practical arrangements. Sarah Trott and Niall Summers from Year 9 and Alan Saji and Dilys Goodridge from Year 10 will attend, as well as Kate O'Brien to discuss the 'Send My Friend To School' campaign. A meeting will be scheduled for shortly afterwards to make further arrangements once we know which schools are interested. Ideas for what to do to collect information about feedback at other DASP schools were looking at books, shadowing students in lessons and discussing feedback with members of their student voices.

4. AOB: During Period 4 on Thursday 3rd March, Year 9 and 10 members of the Student Voice have agreed to meet with our School Improvement Partner and will bring their school books.

5. The next meeting to discuss feedback from the DASP meeting on the 22nd of March will be scheduled for **Wednesday the 23rd of March, during Period 2**. The College Leaders will be invited to inform SV about the College Councils and their activities.