

School Council meeting agenda 30th April 2024-

The meeting will be led by the Head Boy and Head Girl.

1. Welcome to our fifth School Council meeting for 2023-24 Minutes to be taken by.....?
2. Please note -The **School Council process** for all School Council Members to follow. This is the process for your Year Council meeting.



Attend the School Council meeting.



You need to write up points from the meeting to feedback to your Year Group. Once you have prepared your notes:

1. Book a meeting with your Leader of achievement , so you can inform them on the main points of the meeting. This information should be given out in your assembly by your LoA. A School Council update will also be sent to your LOa.



2. Visit and meet with your Class Representatives for each form group to also give them the feedback from the meeting. Class reps should help you to pass on the important School Council information.

1. Suggestions- Please see list at end of agenda. **All School Council members.**
2. Any Year group suggestions need to be added to the above list? Feedback on the new tuck shop? - **All SC members.**
3. **ECO update-** Recycling project ongoing in readiness for April's new laws. **All School Council members - Were posters displayed? Also, please see an update on Youth Climate Conversation on posters. Please display posters around the school.**
4. Old School Uniform project - Has this gone ahead?
5. Make Your Mark results for VOG are attached.
6. Youth Peace Ambassadors - Some School Council Members have applied -**Yolay**

7. NSPCC in London- Yolay

8. Feedback on disability Awareness following the criteria below- All school Council Members Did this message get out across the whole school? The key message to tell all students is-PLEASE BE DISABILITY AWARE, PLEASE BE KIND AND PLEASE BE POLITE.

School Council Disability Awareness Workshop Please make sure you have a workshop note sheet before the workshop starts. The notes you make will help you create a summary of feedback for your Year Group and Leader of Achievement to use in assembly or during form time. *The focus is: If CS Students can attain an awareness of different disabilities, it will help them understand how they can help those with these types of disabilities at CS.*

1. Disability Awareness
2. Talk on Autism (invisible)
3. Disability awareness at CS Q & A session- Mrs Huntley and students
4. Basic Makaton
5. Year 7 Poster Competition-voting to be completed for 1st/2nd/3rd

9. Asthma Awareness Day-May 7, 2024 - Please see PPT attached. Needs to be shown to form groups asap.

10. Pride Month -June -Events TBC

11. Year 10 into Year 11 Prefect application process has started. - Ken, Zac and Lewis

12. Digital Dialogue Wales- July online conference on Make your Mark topics -Health and wellbeing with a focus on Loneliness. Effects of social media- positive and negative on 16-24 year olds. Political Guest Speaker to be confirmed.

13. Atlantic College message- I am reaching out to you on behalf of a school from Taiwan that is planning a cultural exchange trip to Wales in July. They are seeking an opportunity to engage with a local school, and I immediately thought of Cowbridge

Comprehensive. The Taiwanese school will be visiting with approximately 10-15 students, ranging from 8th to 10th grade. They are eager to share aspects of their Taiwanese cultural identity with students from Wales. Specifically, they are interested in connecting with either Lower School or Middle School students at Cowbridge Comprehensive. They believe that interacting with younger students would provide a unique and enriching experience for both groups. The preferred dates for this cultural exchange are July 12th or 13th. If this opportunity aligns with the school's interests, and if Cowbridge Comprehensive would be interested in hosting this exchange, I would be happy to make introductions.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Regards, Nsika

14. Information from Alex Thomas VOG Cllr Ewan Goodjohn (Youth Champion) , informed pupils present at the meeting of the council's proposal to start charging for post 16 school transport from September 2025. A consultation is being developed with the views of consulting with pupils and residents from this September. I know Cllr Ewan asked pupils present to go back to their own school councils to inform them of these changes and to look at bringing comments to the June meeting. I'm very aware that pupils from Llantwit and Cowbridge will be impacted by this decision as large numbers of pupils rely on school transport, and this is something you may want to share with your own school councils. Members of our Vale Youth Council have expressed their views against the decision and are inviting the leader of the council Cllr Lis Burnett, the next Youth Council Meeting being held on the 23rd April 2024 6pm till 8pm in the Council Chambers. I wondered if you may want to share this meeting with some of your own school council members should they wish to be part of the conversations. I know that members of our Vale Youth council are keen to undertake some campaign work around this topic.

15. Opportunity for pupils to take part in research- Researchers in DECIPHer would like to know what young people think about food and drink advertising in their area. We are inviting school pupils in Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan to take part in two separate activities.

1. Pupils aged 16+ are invited to complete a short 10-minute online survey.

2. Pupils aged 12-15 are invited to take part in a focus group at a date and time convenient for the school. Schools will receive a £50 voucher per focus group as a thank you for their time.

AOB-..... Next SC Meeting -Transitional meeting end of June/beginning of July with the current and the new Senior Team.

A commendation to all councillors for their hard work throughout the year, you have only things to be proud of. Good luck to Year 12, and good luck to all students undertaking exams this year - **Nate**

Suggestions- school- Suggestions will be sent to relevant staff. /canteen

Instruments in music

Allow phones again at break times (**NB - this is a firm policy that will not be reversed; councillors must communicate this firmly - NP**)

School fairs

I would like to know if I am allowed to wear shorts in school. It's summer time now and at break I am boiling hot and sweaty in the clothes I am in. It's not likely these rules will change but it would be a great help if they were. (**Governor's Decision (GD)- likely no; another frequently requested that should have been quelled**)

Making school dinners cheaper and being able to wear more jewellery E.g - Necklaces/Bracelets (**the former is a matter of Cleverchefs policy, the latter is GD**)

CPR/AED/basic first aid training as part of the PSE curriculum for every year group. (**Josh/Carwyn project ?**)

Will the prices of the canteen food go down?

Can we be allowed on the field, the weather has been sunny recently.

Non school uniform days (**phased out for multiple reasons**)

Please may you lower the temperature for us to where shorts (**GD**)

Make the food nicer

Can we have somewhere to go during break/lunch like a film club, quiz club, activity club etc

Rent a period stimulation as period awareness week in May 20th for people to use

Ensure the toilets in E block are only for 6th formers (**agree- this should be made clear if they are still only intended for 6th Form use**)

Ensure the food in scholars like pastries are warmed

For aid with work experience, open days ect try and include subjects like humanities, social sciences and arts not just STEM

Include more diverse celebrations

Increase use of gym (I'm aware we need a teacher present so have one to supervise)

let girls wear jewellery, it's not distracting anyone ! and stop telling the girls off for their skirts ! (**GD**)

marshmallows in canteen

Make the school food great again

How will you help stop climate change

let us wear pe kit on lunch (**likely unfeasible? To allow use of changing facilities, plus time drain on students and any needed supervisory staff?**)

Allowing unnatural hair dye as a change like that on a pupil's appearance is their decision not the schools. (**GD**)

uniform - **vague (but GD)**

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**4837 YOUNG
PEOPLE VOTED IN
THIS YEAR'S MAKE
YOUR MARK**

**VALE OF GLAMORGAN
RESULTS
2024**



HEALTH & WELLBEING
856 VOTES (#1)



CULTURE MEDIA & SPORT
847 VOTES (#2)



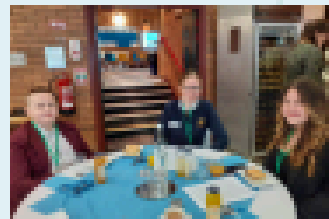
JOBS, ECONOMY & BENEFITS
618 VOTES (#3)

THANK YOU FOR VOTING!



VALE YOUTH COUNCIL

- The Vale Youth Council enables and encourages young people within the Vale of Glamorgan to have their voices heard on council matters.
- We meet on the last Wednesday of every month to discuss issues which are affecting young people. Part of these discussions will allow the youth council to act within the Vale of Glamorgan, to ensure a more sustainable environment is achieved for young people to live in.
- Youth council members represent their peers and youth organisations and raise any issues facing young people locally, ensuring that the views of young people are heard by the decision makers.
- The Vale Youth Council will provide relevant training and volunteering opportunities giving young people valuable skills allowing them to become an active member of their local community.



If you think you would like to get involved:

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