

School Council meeting minutes 9th July 2024-

The meeting was led by the Head Boy and Head Girl. - Nate and Georgia

1. Welcome and process of communication discussed with the members. Year 11 did not attend.
2. All suggestions were discussed and a few points needed a particular focus (in yellow) The points discussed will be further reviewed in assemblies e.g. anti bullying.
3. Senior Team 2024-25 Projects were explained to the group. Current Senior Team and new Senior Team had discussions to help transition the SC information.

Head Boys- Proactive projects-

Zac Corkhill - Language mentorship in Lower school

Will Beuchen- Hidden Disabilities

Ed Gentle- Hwb Bags + organising school trip(s)

Head Girls- Proactive projects-

Yolay Rees MacPherson-Fundraisers to raise money for the school

Beatrice Utley- School mural

Teiya Peel - Bereavement support in school

Deputy Head Boy- Proactive project- Taran Wharmby- Year 7 support for Mental Health Awareness/ Drama Club /Garden Club

Deputy Head Girls –Proactive project- Konnie Mann- Supporting Year 11 into 12 choices

Proactive project- Zoe Lewis – Raising awareness of the National Eisteddfod and being a part of the school newspaper.

4. Year 13 Prom drinks in Scholars, the new Senior team did help

5. *The list below was reviewed before the meeting by Members-Other proactive projects for September onwards that Prefects and Senior Team will be a part of are below:*

- School Council voting in September for Years 7/10/12
- Joint collaboration with Atlantic College music event- Yolay in contact
- Eco - Keep the green flag status
- Disability Awareness
- Asthma Awareness
- Autism Awareness
- Mental health Awareness
- Mentoring and support schemes- Peer, Anti-bullying, The Lounge, Transition Support and Buddy Scheme
- Cancer Charities- Cancer Research and Marie Curie
- Cultural Week - Global Charities
- Dementia Friendly Cowbridge

- Pride awareness
- Human Rights day - Student Ambassadors
- Lower School Support
- Make Your Mark and SC Network meetings
- Medics with Mr Blamey
- Poppy Appeal
- Rotary Interact
- School Newspaper
- Chess Club, Drama Club
- School Eisteddfod
- Year 11 into year 12 support with choices
- Year 11 Prefect projects

6. Kenneth and Lewis Year 10 for being a part of the Head Boy/Girl interviews.

Year 10 into Year 11 Prefect update was discussed. The meeting is on Thursday with the Year 11 Prefects.

Year 10 into 11 Prefects 2024-25	Proactive Group or Task- Answering PUPIL VOICE
Evie Dammekens	Hockey coaching PE department / Promotion of the Eisteddfod
Archie Edwards	Music coaching and support

Daniel Vlad	Computer gaming Club/ Air Cadets external Link
Harri Rowlands	Sporting charity events to support the school
Imogen Utley	To be added asap
Elsa MacPherson	School Newspaper/ Buddy Support in registration
Kenneth Chen	Assistant in Ed Gentle's School Uniform Charity/School Newspaper/ Chess Club
Lewis Howell	To carry on the disability awareness message in the Year 7 2024-25 PSE lessons
Florence Porter	To carry on the cultural awareness message– School Newspaper
Holly Jones	To carry on the cultural awareness message
Dylan Mc Donald	Sports club – 5 aside football/Gym Club
Mia Bassett	Eco project- Recycling awareness/building on 'Don't be mean keep Cowbridge Clean' – litter picking projects

Teifion Fristan Kemble	Language Club/ Clocks in Classrooms project.
Gwennan Jones	Exam transition support (Konnie Mann Project)
Sofia Terry	A safe place project

6. Duke of Edinburgh - PPT on EDUKID Cake Pop sale

7.UWC Music event in September was advertised.

UWC Atlantic Orchestral Course for Young Musicians 2024

May 2024

Dear all,

With great pleasure and excitement, we invite you to join the UWC Atlantic Orchestral Course for Young Musicians 2024.

Open to students from South Wales in **school years 10-13**, the course promises to be a day of exploration, skill-sharing, and music-making, all against the beautiful backdrop of St Donat's Castle on the Welsh coast.

The course takes place at **UWC Atlantic College (St Donat's Castle)** on **Sunday 22 September** from **2pm-6pm** and young musicians will join together to play alongside students and staff from UWC Atlantic College.

AOB-..... [Next SC Meeting October 2024 DTBC](#)

A big thank you to all the School Council Members this year. Also a big thank you to those leaving School Council-Year 13 Senior Team, Year 9, 11 and Troy Year 12 for your help in pupil voice this year. It has been greatly appreciated. 😊

Suggestions- School- Suggestions will be sent to relevant staff.	Canteen
School basketball team/basketball team/A basketball team/Basketball team	Think about making school food and drinks cheaper
Let us wear shorts, you nincompoops/t gets way too hot in summer terms can u please make a uniform for summer/t gets way too hot in summer terms can u please make a uniform for summer	Give good food for canteen as no one goes in there anymore and bring back yazoos and oasis
allow students to fill bottles during lessons	better canteen food and cheaper/Cheaper food
Bullying and 'don't judge' PowerPoint for all years, and someone can talk about what they have been through. Possibly at assembly... discussing homophobia	Add gluten free options
E block toilets, not taken care of properly particularly by lower years. There is never soap.	Healthy Food
Taking care of the toilets and cleaning them more regularly as there is always a unpleasant aroma and the floors are always wet when going into a cubicle	Make the food nicer
Lower the minimum heat for shorts, its very hot	Lowering food prices
Buses with a longer journey should be allowed to leave first to avoid some of the traffic	Lowering food prices
Hockey for boys in pe It is not right that girls and boys do different sports. Hockey should be taught to both genders, seeing as football, tennis, athletics, and rugby is taught to both boys and girls, there is no real reason why boys shouldn't do hockey too	Make school canteen food edible and reduce the amount of time it sits in the canteen before our set lunch time
Outside eating areas during summer/Put benches up on the bit of grass by the headteachers office./More benches around the field as this will be good for eating lunch	Healthy foods, such as: salad, etc.

School trips/more school trips!year 10 ski trip	
When will non-school uniform day? Or will we ever? and if not why?/	
Phones back as most of the school have done nothing wrong to deserve to be punished	
Ensure that wall-mounted clocks in classrooms are working; install clocks for the classrooms that lack one.	
could you add air conditioners to the classes	
non school uniform day/own clothes days	
longer brake time	
To be able to use our phones in break and lunch as it doesn't affect our lessons	
It is a little bit sexist that boys can't wear shorts but girls can wear skirts. My friend's school has changed their uniform so boys can wear shorts in summer so why can't Cowbridge do the same?	
when we have a school trip like the art trip tomorrow - 27 June 2024 - to LONDON where it will be overly hot i would like every year group who is going to wear non school uniform or all school uniform not just for example year 12 get to wear non school uniform but US, YEAR 10, do not. That is not fair. Fix it	
I came up to cowbridge in yr 7 with only 1 friend and she ended up in 7.6 and I am in 7.1 so I'm not in any of her lessons. I also find that every now and then I meet someone from the other side of yr 7 that I think is really nice but we never really stay in touch because she is in none of my classes and I don't know her well enough. For year 8 could we have our timetable mixed up a bit more in regards to split form lessons so that we can make friends easier because it can be tricky for those who's friends from primary aren't in any of their lessons. Thank you and hope that both ends of the year group are mixed. Jena :)	
Opening a gate for sixth formers to gain access to the car park instead of walking through the bushes or all the way around	

Take bullying seriously instead of giving the boys a one time discussion it does not help