

Student Leadership Meeting - Friday 10th November

The meeting was declared open at 12.31

Register

The register was taken by **Ms M Dukeson** at the beginning of the meeting.

New Meeting Structure

Ms M Dukeson informed the group that greater emphasis was to be placed on the work of individual committees, as opposed to the whole group. She pointed out that there would be opportunities for new prefects to join existing committees, as well as announcing the creation of the 6th Form Committee.

Prefect Expectations

Mr G Richardson then explained what the restructuring meant in terms of changes to expectations of prefects. Prefects must be prepared to attend meetings, and take an active role in the student leadership work throughout the year.

Charlie Wilson (Prefect) joined the meeting late at 12.34

He also explained that prefects would be expected to get involved with the various committees, and that there would be fewer full group meetings as a result of the restructuring; approximately one every 4-6 weeks.

Henceforth, the meeting was chaired by the Head Boy and Girl.

Update from the Charity Committee

Committee members asked the group for volunteers to help in the following areas:

- To check on food collection for the Huddersfield Change Project
- To help out on Children in Need day
- To staff some stalls at the Christmas Showcase

Update from the Teaching and Learning Committee

Jasmine Howells updated the group on the work of the Teaching and Learning (T&L) Committee. The T&L Committee met with **Mrs L Sykes** (responsible for whole-school teaching and learning) and agreed to focus on student voice. This would include sending round surveys, potentially during form times or Skills for Life, in which students would be asked to identify what they liked most about a particular subject. It was noted that the T&L Committee would need to work with **Ms R Swinden** (Skills for Life Coordinator) about the possibility of this being done in Skills for Life. **Mr G Richardson** suggested alternating between faculties for each of the surveys to ensure a constant supply of actionable data. The T&L Committee agreed to continue to liaise with **Mrs L Sykes** in the future.

Update from the 6th Form Committee

Ms M Dukeson informed the group about a Christmas Quiz that she had worked with the Committee to arrange for mid-December, with the aim to raise money for the Huddersfield Change Project. The 6th Form Committee also said that they would look into raising money to then buy food for the Huddersfield Change Project.

Update from the Yearbook Committee

Ms L Bird (Y11 Student Manager) had been in contact with **Ms M Dukeson** to ask if preparations could begin on the yearbook as soon as possible. The Yearbook Committee agreed to liaise with **Ms L Bird** going forward to help her wherever possible.

Update from the Head Boy and Head Girl

The Head Boy and Head Girl told the group that assemblies were due to take place next week (the week following the date of the meeting) to raise awareness of student leadership activities throughout the year. They also discussed the idea of providing drop-in sessions so that students could come and discuss issues with either the Head Girl or Head Boy. They also informed the group that a suggestion box was due to be implemented shortly.

Student Leadership Display

Ms M Dukeson noted that, at the time of meeting, no students had submitted their 'silly selfies' to be put on the student leadership board, which is currently outdated.

Changing Role of a Prefect

Mr G Richardson said that he would like to see prefects take on more responsibility for representing the school at after-school events, such as parents' evenings. This was agreed by the group.

Badges

The general consensus of the wider group was that they would prefer shield-shaped badges, as opposed to the current elongated rectangular badges. As there was little agreement about the colour scheme to use, the issue was devolved to **Ms M Dukeson**, who agreed to look into procurement.

Harry Barden (Deputy Head Boy) joined the meeting late at 12.50

Year 9 Parents' Evening

Mr G Richardson asked the group if any students would be interested in helping out at Year 9 Parents' Evenings, the first of which is on the 30th November 2017.

The meeting was declared closed at 12.51