

School Council Minutes Tuesday 21st March 2019



Meeting commenced: 3.10pm

Present: Mr Holt

39 students attended the meeting.

Year 7 – 16

Year 8 – 9

Year 9 – 5

Year 10 – 7

Year 11 – 2

1. Removing single-use plastics from Wellington School

The Executive Committee had lobbied for this to be the main item on the agenda. The passion and volume of the discussion showed that all members were in no doubt that they believe Wellington School has a responsibility to reduce its use of single-use plastics or provide adequate recycling facilities. Suggestions included:

- Removing plastic cups from water fountains in the Hub and Reception. People can use their own reusable cup
- Replacing plastic cutlery with wooden forks and spoons in the dining hall. All students agreed they would be prepared to pay a couple of pence more per day should these prove more expensive.
- Banning the sale of Radnor drinks in the dining hall. While it was acknowledged that these drinks bring in revenue for Chartwells, Year 7 reps. Had calculated that tens of thousands of these bottles are likely to be thrown away each year.
- Banning the sale of bottled water on site, especially as we now have adequate water fountains.
- Providing a recycling scheme around school similar to that of paper whereby waste plastics are collected and taken away for recycling. It was suggested that if this scheme were to cost the school money, one of the non-uniform day proceeds could be used to pay for it.

2. Election of Trafford Member of Youth Parliament

The result was shared with students. Wellington students contributed a total of 789 votes from a total of 5250 across Trafford. Once again, this makes us the school with most contributions to the election.

Ahmed Adil 770 votes

Michael Jarkowski 2389 votes

Sanaa Khan 893 votes

Atlanta Montague 469 votes

Meera Saravanan 729 votes

Any student wishing to put themselves forward for nomination for next year's election should see Mr Holt as soon as possible.

3. Class Charts Parent App

Feedback regarding the recently launched Class Charts app. was overwhelmingly positive. Several points were made regarding the setting of homework and Mr Holt will feed these back to staff in the staff briefing on Monday.

Most students are keen to access their own data via the Class Charts Pupil App. This may be launched for the next academic year.

Several students reported that they are managing their homework 'load' much more efficiently now that parents are aware of what they are expected to complete. Several others said they were receiving fewer detentions for the same reason.

Some students said their parents have not downloaded the app. and might need another letter or email as a reminder.

4. Sponsored Walk 2019

The running total currently stands at £26,000. There are still over 300 students still to return sponsor money. Please do so before the Easter holiday.

There will be a non-uniform day on Friday 29th March. Please bring a £2 donation to wear your own clothes.

Next full School Council meeting: Thursday 16th May

Meeting closed at 4.15pm