

School Council Minutes Tuesday 12th October 2023



Meeting commenced: 3.05pm

Present: Mr Holt

47 students attended the meeting:

Year 7 – 14

Year 8 – 11

Year 9 – 8

Year 10 – 6

Year 11 – 6

Year 12 - 2

1. School Council Objectives

Oliver (Y10) and Gracie (Y9) spoke to the group about their time in School Council. They explained the idea behind the School Council for the benefit of our new Year 7 students.

Students were given examples of how the School Council, and student voice, at Wellington has had an impact over the past few years. The Eco-Council and Gender Equality Council are also places where students can voice their ideas and opinions.

2. Sponsored Walk 2023

Our annual sponsored walk will be the main focus of our charity efforts once again this year. The majority of this meeting was taken up by presentations and voting for the charities which will benefit from this year's fund-raising.

Students and parents had been asked to nominate charities prior to this meeting and a list of 18 charities was presented to the group. It had been decided that, for the first time, we should recognise the needs of communities outside of our immediate area. As such, this year, we were seeking to work with two charities – one local, and one with a much greater national or global reach.

Students considered the merits of each charity as well as the way in which the school community might interact with the chosen charity and learn from our relationship with those charities which were successful.

Once they had heard about all of the nominated charities, students worked in pairs or groups of three to discuss their preferences and then ranked their top three. The results are as follows:

Charity	1st	2nd	3rd	Total votes	Points
Centre Point	3	5	8	16	27
CAMFED	5	4	2	11	25
Depher	4	3	2	10	20
Francis House	1	6	1	8	16
Centre for Family Councelling	2	2	5	9	15
Alzheimers	3	1	1	5	12
Cancer Research	2	2	1	5	11
Sarcoma UK	1	1	2	4	7
St John's	1	2		3	7
Restless Development	2			2	6
Short Lives	1		3	2	6
Henshaw's	1		2	3	5
DEC	1	1		2	5
WWF		1	2	3	4

Therefore, as a result of the vote, we will be working with Centrepoint and CAMFED this year. Centrepoint is a charity which tackles homelessness on the streets of Manchester and was nominated by Georgina Roberts (Y12). CAMFED is the Campaign for Female Education which works to improve the life-chances of women and girls living under repressive regimes around the world. This charity was nominated by Zainab Ali (Y12) who also spoke passionately on their behalf at the meeting.

3. **Chocolate raffle!**

The chocolate raffle went down as well as always – why not come to the next meeting to be in with a chance?

Next full School Council meeting: Thursday 30th November

Meeting closed at 4.10pm