

Minutes of KS4 Student Council Meeting held on

Monday 10th MAY, 2021.

1. Activity Week

- i. Could the following suggestions be considered for Activity Week please? a) Capstone Country Park, b). Cinema c). Creams
d). Beach eg Leysdown e) Bowling f) Park

2. Curriculum

- i. Is it possible to participate in different sports in PE eg rugby etc?
KS4 SC thought this a good suggestion but did wonder if rugby would be allowed.

3. Drinking Water

- i. Is it possible for drinking water to be made available please?
The facility for obtaining drinking water was removed, due to Covid and it is unlikely to return due to health and safety issues. Students should continue to bring in filled water bottles from home.

4. Equipment

- i. Is it possible to have some new bikes please?
KS4 SC wondered if these were really necessary. They thought that the existing bikes could need some maintenance.
- ii. Some new footballs please?
KS4 said footballs get kicked over into the thistles and some new ones would be appreciated.
- iii. The US has basketball hoops but no basketballs. Could the students have some please?

5. Lunches

- i. Could sausage rolls stay as an option at lunchtimes please?
KS4 SC agreed the sausage rolls were popular.
- ii. Could there be new lunch menus or improved lunches please?
Suggestions for new menus and improvements are needed.
- iii. Could there be more flexible seating at lunch to allow students to sit with their friends rather than with their form?
KS4 SC agreed this would be a good idea.

- iv. There are difficulties with the students who swap between hot and packed lunches.
More details are needed please.
 - v. The mashed potatoes are not nice. They could be tastier.
 - vi. KS3 need to finish their lunches on time. It is impacting on KS4.
KS4 agreed that it is a rush to finish their lunches due to lack of time.
 - vii. Lunch halls are claustrophobic.
KS4 SC advised there is nowhere else suitable.
 - viii. Could KS4 change back to first lunch please?
- 6.
- i. **Phones**
Could the students have their phones at break and lunchtimes please?
KS4 SC were told this would cause too many problems a) inappropriate messages could be sent b) some students may take photographs which includes students who are not allowed to have their photographs taken c) some mobiles may not be handed in d) the time taken to distribute and collect in the phones would be time consuming .
- 7.
- i. **Premises**
In both the girls' and boys' toilets the tap water comes out in a narrow stream and the water stops too quickly. Can anything be done to improve this please?
 - ii. The hand dryers are too noisy.
KS4 SC advised that nothing can be done about this. Hand dryers are very noisy.
- 8.
- i. **Therapy Dog**
Students would like a Therapy Dog at the academy please?
KS4 SC advised this request has been made several times. A Therapy Dog will not be allowed because of a) Health and Safety issues b) some people are frightened of dogs c) some people could have a allergic reaction.
- 9.

- i. **Trips**
Could students have more school trips once the Covid restrictions are lifted please?

- 10. **Uniform**
 - i. Could students wear their own clothes in the hot weather please?
KS4 SC were advised that this would not be allowed. Some students may wear inappropriate clothes, footwear etc.

**The next KS4 Student Council meeting will be on
Monday 14th June 2021.**