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Dear parents and carers,

On **Monday 12 October** our Senior Leadership Team will choose the team who lead pupil voice at Hardwick Green Academy for the year ahead. I wanted to tell you what it is, because it is not quite what a school council used to be.

Every class here holds short class meetings, so that every child in the school gets a say on the same question, and the jobs that make a meeting work go round the class so everybody gets a go at them. This team keep all of that running. They take what pupils say to the adults, and they follow it up until something changes. Their job is not only to have their own say. It is to make sure everybody else gets theirs.

It takes more than one kind of person

A team like this needs a real spread of skills, and being good at speaking in front of people is only one of them. So it is worth saying out loud what we are actually looking for:

People who get things done. Talking is one thing. Changing something is another.

Organisers. People who remember what was agreed and chase it up.

People who stand up for what is right. Including when it is not their own idea at stake.

People who are good with the technology. The meetings run on a platform.

People who are good at encouraging everybody else. Half the job is getting quieter pupils heard.

Question-askers. People who want to know what everybody else thinks.

If your child would be good at any one of those, they would be good on this team. This is not a prize for the most confident pupils. Please do encourage them.

How you can help. Ask them one question at home: what is the one thing you would change about school? If they have an answer, they have everything they need to stand.

Forms are with class teachers, and children have been told today how they can apply. Every application will be read. We look forward to reading your child's application.

Mr Story

