

School Council meeting 8th February 2023

The student council met today to discuss the quality of education across the school, catering, and events.



We started the meeting with a review of Safeguarding and reports back confirmed that students feel very safe at the school.

We discussed the Curriculum reports below:

Sport

This term we have been learning Dodgeball and Frisbee.

During dodgeball we practiced different throws, how to catch a ball travelling at speed and how to a dodge a ball if it was travelling too fast. We played lots of different types of dodgeball to help us use all our skills.

We are currently doing Frisbee and have been learning how to “snap” our wrists when doing a backhand to get more spin. We’ve practiced catching using a crocodile grip and decision making when playing a game. Ultimate frisbee is played a bit like American football but without the tackling.

Science

Here is the synopsis of what has been covered in Science this term.

Yr7 & 7/8 Have been exploring the particles inside atoms and how the atoms are grouped on the periodic table.

Yr8 Investigated how substances are made up of more than one thing and different ways of separating them.

Yr9's Got to grips with the details of polymers the plastics which make up most of our modern life.

The KS4 students did an ecological survey of the forest school area and are training up to set up equipment for experiments independently.

Pastoral

This Term we have seen the dynamics of the team change. Miss Dougan has been doing a great job covering Miss Potter in the safeguarding role.

The Pastoral Team have been continuing to work hard on interventions with Students and focussing on being in Class and completing their work. If this is not completed its catch-up work and loss of break in the Pastoral Hub.

This Week it has been Children's mental health week. Tutors have been sent information and power points to show during Tutor time and The Pastoral Team have completed interventions.

Mechanics

This Term so far Year 7/8 have been looking at spark ignition and removing, cleaning and re fitting spark plugs.

Year 9 have been using a scan tool and looking at fuel injection which they have thoroughly enjoyed especially driving the car onto the ramp to test drive it.

Year 10 have been looking at brakes as part of their qualification and stripped and refitted brake shoes.

Year 11 have been valeting Teacher's cars as part of their final unit for their qualification

English

This term Year 9 has been focused on narrative, both reading for understanding and the writing skills required to form an engaging narrative.

Firstly, we looked at the techniques we need to include in Narrative writing then we planned and wrote a story from a selection of stories with numbers in the title.

Year 10 have focused on GCSE Gothic Language analysis which has really captured our imagination. We have read and analysed a range of Gothic texts and used What? How? Why? To answer GCSE style questions.

Year 11 have had a clear focus on Component B, the Paper 1 narrative section with some real success.

Maths

Throughout Maths this term across KS4 we have been focused on topics which could feature within GCSE at the end of year 11. Alongside this we have pushed our ability to work

independently and faced the challenge of overcoming an extensive mid-point assessment. All year groups completed their assessment tremendously well and demonstrated superb perseverance by not giving up.

Looking ahead, the focus switches to ensuring Year 11 are fully prepped and equipped to be successful in their upcoming GCSE exams beginning on May 19th.

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The KS3 students have been improving their hand skills and problem-solving abilities by making wooden toys and adjustable USB lamps, in year 9 they are becoming more creative and creating copper pipe lamps.

In KS4, the year 10 students are just finishing unit 2 of their 3 units for BTec, while year 11 are pushing through with unit 2 of their level 2 course

Health and safety

The site team are installing new interactive displays in classrooms around the school, which will replace the white boards and projectors.

We have also recently installed a new washer/dryer machine in the medical room which staff can use to clean clothing such as football kits and bibs.

Catering

The Council have agreed that the quality of catering at the school is reasonable but would like to see some changes regarding choices, sticking to the menu as planned, fewer over baked biscuits and a change of baguettes on a Friday to wraps.

Events

The Council discussed potential football matches, plans for the Easter term and discussion of rewards trips for the summer.

The meeting ran for 1 hour.