



What is a School Council?

- A School Council is a group of students who are elected to represent the views of all the pupils and to improve their school.
- "School council" means all kinds of school-based groups run by students, including student forums and youth parliaments.
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What does it do?

A school council does a number of things:

- The school council meets with Mrs Lindsay to discuss and sort out problems. These may include school lunches, behaviour or ideas for fundraising events.
- Members of the school council will be responsible for carrying out the ideas that have been agreed, such as planning events, discussing how to carry out topics of discussion, or meeting with catering staff.

What makes a good one?

A good school council is one that represents the views of all students and gets things done. Many schools have councils, but they are not all successful.

These are some things that make a council effective:

- Regular meetings – we have one meeting each half term (see below)
- Class form councils that meet regularly – each form class has a form captain who discusses topics with their forms and then brings ideas to the school council
- Good communication between representatives and their class.
- Smaller groups (sub-committees) working on specific events or issues.

Do they get anything done?

Lots of school councils just talk, but others do get things done. Examples of STM's Council successes include those who:

- Organising Whole School Charity Events – such as Quiztopia as part of Childrens Mental Health Week
- Adding some cultural aspects to food and ensuring that there are variations of food – *Chicken sausages suitable for non-pork eaters, 6/2 Chinese New Year Menu, 13/2 Pancake Day, 15/2 Pizza Day, 28/2 Italian day*
- School lunches feedback.
- Ideas for themed weeks, ie Cultural day as part of Childrens Mental Health Week, Black History Assembly led by 6th form leadership team, Empathy Week.
- Voting for the Jack Petchey winner

We have a cycle of 3 different meetings:

- 6th form leadership meetings – include ALL house leaders in year 13
- Senior School Council – includes year 10-12 form leaders (or deputies)
- Junior School Council – includes year 7 – 9 form leaders (or deputies)

School Council Prayer

God, the source of every good gift,
You have called us together as servants to do Your will.
Grant us the light of Your Spirit
To guide us in our responsibilities as a School Council.
May we work together in harmony for the common good.
May we listen to one another in a spirit of genuine respect.
May we encourage and reverence one another's unique talents.
May we use the gifts of the Spirit in creative Christian leadership.
May we approach our decision making through discernment and prayer.
May we respond effectively to the needs of the children in our care.
God of Love,
You give us the gifts of the Holy Spirit for the common good.
May Your blessings radiate from us to others in a new spirit of service.
May we be 'Gods Servant First'

Amen.

2023-2024 Meeting Schedule

HOUSE LEADERSHIP MEETINGS (Year 13)

All Meeting Times 1:40 – 2:20pm in the Careers Centre

Dates:

Tues 3rd October

Tues 28th November

Tues 9th January

Tues 30th January – additional for final plan Childrens MH week

Tues 12th March – New leadership team

Tues 7th May

Tues 18th June

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETINGS

Yrs. 7-9

All meeting times 1:40 – 2:20pm in the Careers Centre

Dates:

Mon 9th October

Mon 4th December

Mon 22nd January

Mon 18th March

Mon 13th May

Mon 8th July

Yrs. 10-12

All meeting times 1:40 – 2:20pm in the Careers Centre

Dates:

Thurs 12th October

Thurs 7th December

Thurs 25th January

Thurs 21st March

Thurs 16th May

Thurs 11th July

2023-2024 School Council Members