

## Warneford Minutes- 30<sup>th</sup> September 2015

### Follow up for Last Meeting

- New toilets in the English Block~ emphasis that they needed to be treated with respect. Apple found in Dryer- not acceptable.
- New Sports Hall
- New Year 7/8 Cage

### Nexus Project

- The Nexus Project is an after school café in the Puddle Duck basement, 2 evenings after school a week.
- Monday~ Year 7 and 8
- Wednesday~ Year 9, 10 and 11
- Sunday~ Live Lounge for local bands and soloists
- Offering low priced refreshments and entertainment
- Want young people involved to make a calm environment for young people to socialise, and work with people with others on their school work.
- Will be talking in assemblies fairly soon

**Please could Year Council reps report back to Year Council, and then taken to Tutor Groups:**

- **Need volunteers from the school to help co-ordinate and organise**
- **Need posters, logos and flyers made to advertise**
- **Ideas need to be discussed on what sort of things would be liked there (TV to watch films, Xbox, types of refreshments)**
- **Funding ideas to raise money for the project and future aspirations (finding a place to call “ours”)**

### Youth Parliament

- Here to clarify that they are there to support and help pupils
- Work to provide activities for young people in Swindon
- They sent out the ‘Ballots’ that were completed
- Elections for new Youth Parliament members~ can be anyone (living in Swindon Borough) – Voting and running will begin in November, and results will be February
- <http://www.ukyouthparliament.org.uk/area/swindon/>

**Please could Year Council reps reports back to Year Council, and then taken to Tutor Groups:**

- **List of people who would consider running for Youth Parliament**

## Litter!

- Warneford is an exceptional school- sometimes let ourselves down with the amount of litter.
- New parents and pupils, and visitors may see the amount of litter, creating a poor impression of our school if the site team didn't clean it up after every break and lunch.
- Caretakers are having to pick up unnecessary amounts of litter- they have a limited amount of time and would rather use that time to be improving facilities/services for staff and pupils rather than continuously picking up litter. But if they don't, won't be able to use outside facilities during PE and other lessons.
- There are enough bins- attitudes need changing to make a difference. Therefore, there is no excuse about there not being enough bins or the bins being too far away.
- If older pupils litter, young pupils will copy- older need to be role models
- The more litter on the ground, the more it'll encourage others to litter
- Litter picking detention is still an option with some teachers, however we want to wipe this out positively
- Nexus Project want to help with our littering situation
- Work with community~ Steven Bailey hosts a monthly "litter pick" around Highworth
- Bins fill up quickly- site team need to empty more regularly

**Please could Year Council reps reports back to Year Council, and then taken to Tutor Groups:**

- **List ideas of ways we can positively stop pupils littering- does punishment really work? (Positive Peer Pressure?)**
- **Responses with whether recycling bins would be effective?**
- **Check what rooms don't have bins, or recycling bins.**

## Year Concerns

Year 11~

- Inequality of boys and girls school uniform- some boys want to wear summer shorts. School is willing to test that out, but would have to be tailored uniform shorts.
- Girl's accessories are more lenient- Girls are allowed one stud on ear lobe, a watch and no other jewellery. Boys are allowed a watch, no earrings or jewellery.

Year 10~

- Cut out 3<sup>rd</sup> Break~ was discussed and surveyed a few years ago- wasn't popular. Not up for discussion as it's too inconvenient for some parents, pupils and the buses.

Year 9~

- Need to establish clearer lunch time slots~ there are already a rota, but it will be re-established and published around the school for everyone to know. MDSAs will be on a closer look out for people queue-cutting and saving spaces for friends~ this has always been a rule and should not be ignored.
- If have sports clubs- sports department will give a card to you for getting hot meals asap
- Outside Room 11 (Science Corridor), they need more pegs for forms rooms~ possessions is being chucked on the floor which is hazardous.

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Year 8~

- Clarification whether Year 7 and 8s can eat in the lower school canteen- being discussed further by SMT and further clarification will be coming asap
- Bell is delayed, meaning late for lessons~ site managers are sorting out
- Separation of Year 7 and 8s is not necessary~ should socialise between years to make Year 7s feel more welcome and comfortable at lunch times and breaks.
- Not enough storage space for bags at lunch times when eating in cafeteria~ put up more pegs, especially in Science and English Corridor as long as the pegs are kept tidy.

**Please could Year Council reps reports back to Year Council, and then taken to Tutor Groups:**

- **Ask boys on their opinions on tailored shorts~ design samples will be provided soon if idea is popular**

#### Sports Ambassadors

- Reminder there are lots of new clubs starting, which will take place in both the gym, canteen and new sports hall.
- Blue board in changing rooms will be sorted out in October half term.
- If you have any questions, please approach the Sports Ambassadors: Karrie Mead (Y11), Jonah Beer (Y11), Gracie Jones (Y10), Molly Bourton (Y10) and Luke Haines (Y10)

**Once these message are relayed and you have written feedback based on the guidelines in bold, please can you report it back to a member of the Senior Prefect Team by 16<sup>th</sup> October. We are:**

**Bradley Frankham- 11T~ Room 19**

**Rosie Patten- 11D~ Room 13**

**Sam Farmer- 11T~ Room 19**

**Oscar Bell- 11J~ West One**

**Eloise Mason- 11N~ Room 3 or Maths Lab**

**George Russell- 11S~ Room 31**