**School Council meeting minutes 09.03.22**

1. Great to have a talk by Evie Kwan - Welsh Youth Parliament Vale of Glamorgan representative. Told us all about her role.

2. We had an update form the Medics group by Sophie Morgan. Sophie will also be completing a hygiene bank later this year at CCS.

1. Ukrainian crisis – Decision to sell wristbands to create money for the DEC charity Bands due at CCS asap. £1 minimum donation for a band. Later on a non-school uniform day will also take place to further raise money for DEC.
2. Red Nose Day-18th March Links to send donations sent out to students.
3. Online suggestion document - Pupil Voice - feedback attained- sent out to relevant people at CCS. Student reps to pass on feedback as well.
4. Reform of the school Year information to be sent out to all year groups through year reps.

Video-<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1y0n7GKX5Xgdf1Sp4K2LQeJp3gCLwzxh6>

Further reading:

<https://research.senedd.wales/research-articles/reimagining-schooling-in-wales-reforming-the-school-year-and-day/>

**Reform of the school year**

School leaders and governments across the world are looking at the rhythm of the school year to see whether changes can help avoid children “losing” learning during long holidays, ensure a better recovery from the effects of the pandemic and create a structure that works better for teachers and school staff.

Will a change better align with working / family patterns and provide greater opportunities for young people? Will change have an effect on other sectors of the economy and public services, and how could changes help improve learner wellbeing and confidence, and improve recruitment and retention within the school workforce?

To inform Welsh Government policy development, we are currently engaging with stakeholders including the education workforce, non-education stakeholders such as employers, specific industries (e.g. tourism) and also children and young people to gather thoughts, ideas and opinions.

One key element of this research and engagement stage are **online surveys** – one for the **education workforce** and one for **young people** (under 18). As one of the Welsh Government’s valued stakeholders we’d very much appreciate your help to spread the word about these surveys to the relevant audiences: the more people who have their say, the better the range of ideas and the stronger the research and engagement will be.

You can find the surveys via the links below:

Education workforce survey – [bit.ly/33u226m](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fbit.ly%2F33u226m&data=04%7C01%7Calexthomas%40valeofglamorgan.gov.uk%7C97a22fcada9f4e01b2d608d9e6f62489%7Ce399d3bb38ed469691cf79851dbf55ec%7C0%7C0%7C637794767107640733%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=2hl4XWAD8QEZ1GpyTM0X3f4ZmWZdqqDXYRFrZK7a234%3D&reserved=0)

Young people’s survey - [bit.ly/3If3Q1H](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fbit.ly%2F3If3Q1H&data=04%7C01%7Calexthomas%40valeofglamorgan.gov.uk%7C97a22fcada9f4e01b2d608d9e6f62489%7Ce399d3bb38ed469691cf79851dbf55ec%7C0%7C0%7C637794767107640733%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=ydB9E1xtig0GHIgKb8JAKH8zJOffErIenUJE2qeiyjA%3D&reserved=0)

1. Start of Head Boy/Girl process 2022- Campaigns in assembly and peer vote before Easter.

**9. *Feedback and updates on Proactive Groups***

* Eco/Environmental- The Lunch Box challenge -Multi not single use to take place. Plant a flower day March 12th - wildflower planting completed
* Disability Awareness Week- assembly and lessons in registration-W/C 28.02.22
* World Kidney Day non-school uniform event This Friday-11th March-Emilia Knevett £1108.52 raised by CCS
* Head Boy/Girl projects/Leavers- date to be confirmed
* Cancer Charities awareness week- Over £3k raised for Velindre and other cancer charities.
* **CCS Mark your Mark results – Waiting for feedback from Youth Parliament.**
* **Sally Holland Q & A sessioncompleted with Student Ambassadors.**
* **Sixth Form Blood Bank is back- Link sent for local community donations.**
* Finance- Helping year 12’s with uni finances Seren and Manon to complete an assembly.
* Restart of Year 10 Prefects- First meeting 06.04.22

Groups/projects - meetings are ongoing/need to be more proactive

Dementia friendly Cowbridge- Still not able to meet.

***Spread the word-events March-July2022***

**Rotary Boxes collection went really well.**

**Global charities - June/July 2022 Non school uniform day for DEC charity and supporting Ukraine.**

**Eco Challenge - The lunchbox challenge**

**SC help on Oliver Production evening- Refreshments, money raised for charity**

**Voting events/Network feedback- given to reps to pass on info to Year Groups.**

The Children, Young People and Education Committee of the Welsh Parliament (Senedd) want to ask the young people of Wales, how can we combat peer on peer sexual harassment among learners?

The Committee is inviting 11-18 year olds to put their ideas forward through [this online survey](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fforms.office.com%2Fr%2FyFXhTjDCsY&data=04%7C01%7Calexthomas%40valeofglamorgan.gov.uk%7Ca135f0ec608c45e4bdba08d9f2d70c58%7Ce399d3bb38ed469691cf79851dbf55ec%7C0%7C0%7C637807827708256919%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=IQ97V%2FNbh5WgsBLVUegMisxnebXqNR8jVCgumDzXdyE%3D&reserved=0). Your ideas will feed into a base of evidence that the Committee will review.

The Committee is made up of Members from three political parties represented at the Senedd. The Committee is not part of the Welsh Government. Rather, the Committee is responsible for making sure the Government does what they say they will do.

The deadline for comments to the consultation is Friday 1 April 2022.

**Project Vote Wales (ongoing -up until May 2022)**

**AOB....SC photo now on the website.**

Next SC Meeting April 28th 2022