

School Council meeting agenda 21st November 2023

The meeting will be led by the Head Boy and Head Girl.

1. Welcome to our second School Council meeting for 2023-24 Minutes to be taken by.....?
2. Welcome to Lower School - Mrs G Davies and students
3. Please note -The **School Council process** for all School Council Members to follow. This is the process for your Year Council meeting.



Attend the School Council meeting.



You need to write up points from the meeting to feedback to your Year Group. Once you have prepared your notes:

1. Book a meeting with your Leader of achievement , so you can inform them on the main points of the meeting. This information should be given out in your assembly by your LoA.
A School Council update will also be sent to your LOa.



2. Visit and meet with your Class Representatives for each form group to also give them the feedback from the meeting. Class reps should help you to pass on the important School Council information.

1. Welcome to Atlantic College students- Diana and colleagues will give us a brief outline about their work on organising a Peace Collaboration at AC.
2. Lower school open evening feedback
3. Suggestions to briefly review- Please see list at end of agenda. - **All School Council Members** Serian/Josh to attend a meeting with Cleverchefs with Mr Ling.

4. School Newspaper -Please see updated copy attached. **Zac and Beatrice**
5. Global Group/Concert- Update on joining with Atlantic College for the 8th February concert. **Zac, Yolay, James and Beatrice**
6. CCS Sixth Form Blood Drive- Blood Drive at Cowbridge Leisure Centre December.- Sixth Form SC Members.
7. Year 11 Prefect update- **Serian and Josh**

Chess Club, Eco Wildflower planting- Lower School , CS Newspaper, Rock band, Debate Club, First Aid lessons , Healthy Breakfasts

Gym Club, Supporting younger students and Hygiene products for schools.

8. Rotary update-Rotary Youth night 13.11.23 feedback- **Nate and Georgia**
9. Rotary boxes process starts in January 2024
- 10.Lounge Project for year 7's feedback - **Year 7 representatives**
- 11.Update on DFC- **Yolay**
- 12.Anti bullying week in November- **Emaan and Zac**
- 13.Harvest Food bank Collection feedback and new project Hampers/Food bank for Christmas- **All SC Members- Please see poster attached.**
- 14.Poppy Appeal raised £1146.52 :) and Remembrance Service feedback-**Senior Team**



- 15.Student Ambassadors/children's rights in December-**Carwyn**
- 16.Make Your mark event organised for January 2024 -Ballots ordered.
- 17.Cancer Charity meeting feedback from 16th November - **Can we have cake pop sales in registration time?**

18.School Production nights- selling refreshments for DEC- Delivery to the school

19.Disability and Asthma Awareness meetings after Christmas.

AOB-.....

NB- have issues with well-being been addressed by/raised to the Head or governors (vis-à-vis issues raised by Galata) ?

Next SC Meeting January 16th 2024

Suggestions- school- Suggestions will be sent to relevant staff.	Canteen- Suggestions to be given to Cleverchefs
The 6th form bathroom's taps don't all work and some of the locks don't work. Also there are few quiet places to go to do work Replace toilet locks, fix broken taps and refill soap in 6th form bathrooms. More quiet places to revise for students. Improve performance of school computers./more toilets /More supervision of the year 7 and 8 toilets. E.g: making sure no yr 9/10 aren't vaping in the toilets./Make all the female toilets able to be used because they are more often than not blocked.	cheaper food
Bring non school uniform days back	marshmallows and better food bc it tastes like cardboard

Climate change? I think the school should have a litter picking system where forms 7.1. 8.1. All go litter picking on a Monday and the forms swap days during the week so 7.2. And 8.2. Go on Tuesday and so on and so forth. -Year 8	Lower canteen food prices
Girls football in PE/ More PE	The price of school food isn't the matched by the quality of food and it's far higher than in other schools of friends I have outside school
I feel like we need more clocks in classrooms that work because some people don't have watches and have a club and need to know the time so clocks that work would be helpful I think we need more analogue clocks in all classrooms that are working. This is because some people don't have watches and maybe need to leave early for clubs etc. This would prevent many students from being confused as to what the time is.	school food is too expensive need better food and cheaper better food and cheaper, better food/canteen prices and food quality
No 3rd in for lunch and no form/ let us sit inside on breaks, too cold	more food for picky eaters/those with dietary restrictions e.g. gluten free
Unnatural hair colours allowed.	I think we should have more food options like pizza salad and drinks like slushies in the summer and hot chocolates. Also the food should not be as expensive, like £1 for a cookie.
an art club	More variety of food in the canteen and prices are still felt by nearly all to be far too high for both the quality/portion sizes.

that there should perhaps be more meetings on serious situations. .e.g. black history does not just have to be about slavery but huge black achievements and inventions used in our everyday lives. Thank you.	Pupils want hot paninis and waffles back by popular demand and Yazoo/Radnor Fizz/Oasis drink !!
School trips	More veggie/vegan options
a common room with different things to do like pool table that we can use to raise money and a refreshments fridge that you pay for, improve the study room, with different resources e.g. uni guides and apprenticeship guidance,	No sauce on food. Put sauce on the side to help ourselves
jewellery/allow us to wear tailored shorts in summer	
Fix the water fountain on A2 floor, which has been broken for months and pupils in class feel like they aren't able to refill because of long queues for the working fountain in PE.	
I think that the school should be doing activities for international men's day	
Better recycling schemes	
Allow phones to be used once more./Unban phones	
Bring back Drama as an option	
Maybe add a tennis club after school?	
Different workshops for different lessons	

COWBRIDGE CHRONICLE



Why are poppies worn?

The sight of red poppies is synonymous with remembrance day as they were a common sight on the battlefield, especially on the western front. They became an iconic symbol of sleep, death, peace and remembrance. Many consider poppies as a symbol of hope; despite the harsh conditions, poppies flourished in the soil that had been disturbed by the fighting and explosions.

Many young men from Cowbridge fought in the war and never came home. They will be remembered for the sacrifice they made for their country.

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Remembrance is a time for coming together as a community and paying respects to the brave soldiers who fought and lost their lives during the First World War.

The Remembrance Service held on Friday allowed the whole school to come together to pay their respects to those who Died. The Service was opened and introduced by the Headteacher, Mrs Thomas, and was led by the Head Boy, Head Girl and the local Minister. The service was also attended by the lower school primary children who paid their respects and were able to plant a tree in the memorial garden.

Why do we Remember?

The 'Great War', as it was known, spanned from the 28th of July 1914 to the 11th of November 1918. It's estimated that over 40 million people lost their lives during the conflict. The fighting officially ended when delegates from 32 countries signed a peace agreement known as the 'Treaty of Versailles'. This day is referred to as 'Armistice' because of the agreement made by the countries to end the fighting.

During the first world war, the Cowbridge cattle market was used as a depot for requisitioned horses. Because there was such a high demand for horses during the war, the military were authorised to seize ordinary farm horses to aid the war.

Written by Zoe Lewis



MEDICINE IN WW1

World War One is one of the most catastrophic and harrowing conflicts recorded in history. Fatality was greater than in any previous wars and this was due to the developments of weaponry. Weapons such as artillery shells caused catastrophic wounds, rapid blood loss and infection (due to dirty shrapnel). The work of Sir Harold Gillies, (who discovered plastic surgery) and Marie Curie (who implemented her discovery of radium into X-ray machinery) led to the diagnosis and treatment of countless wounds and illness caused by the deadly weapons used during World War One.

Sir Harold Gillies (1882-1960) was a surgeon who is widely regarded as the father of modern plastic surgery. During World War One, Gillies performed surgeries on soldiers who had suffered disfiguring facial injuries. He established a specialised hospital in England, where he developed surgical techniques to reconstruct facial and limb injuries. He invented skin grafting which is a surgical procedure that removes a piece of healthy skin from one area of the body which is transplanted to another area of the body that has a damaged or non-healing skin wound. Gillies and his team performed thousands of surgeries, which significantly improved the appearance of wounded soldiers as well as their quality of life. His work has laid the foundation for modern plastic surgery. This includes a wide range of procedures to repair and reconstruct various parts of the body.



Marie Curie also contributed to medical developments during the war as she discovered radium and polonium. Curie (1867-1934) was a French-Polish physicist and chemist who used her discovery of radium to improve the accuracy of Wilhelm Roentgen's X-ray machine. Curie recognised the potential of X-ray technology in diagnosing injuries, especially fractures and locating foreign objects in the human body and implemented radium as the gamma ray source of radiation in an X-ray machine. During World War 1, she organised and operated mobile radiography machinery. These units were used near the front lines to provide quick and accurate and precise x-ray examinations of wounded soldiers. Further, Marie had convinced the French government to set up the country's first military radiology centres.

Written by Lili Beuchen

WELSH NEWS

If anyone in your family owns a car, you'll probably be aware of the recent change made to many roads in Wales. A new speed limit of 20mph – lower than the 30mph previously enforced – has been placed on residential and pedestrian roads across the country, and the highway code was amended in September to reflect that.

The change was implemented by the Welsh government with the primary intention of making the roads safer; a health study conducted by them suggested that the new speed limit will reduce the number of collisions on the road by 40%. Due to this, more lives will be saved, and between 1200 and 2000 people every year will avoid injuries they would have otherwise sustained. Further reasoning is that it will reduce noise pollution, and encourage people to use carbon-neutral alternative forms of transport, such as bicycles.

However, response to the change has been largely negative. Two petitions were created: one opposing the new law, and one supporting the Government's decision. The petition opposing the law, at the time of writing, had gained over 465,000 signatures – almost one sixth of the population of Wales, and the highest number ever reached on a Senedd petition – whereas the petition supporting the new speed limit had gained fewer than 6000. Petitions which reach over 10,000 signatures have to be considered by the Petitions Committee for a debate in the Senedd, but there are no plans to hold a debate until some time after March 2024.

Reasons for the new law's unpopularity include the fact that driving at such a low speed is inefficient for most vehicle engines. This could potentially damage parts of the vehicles (such as the brakes, which will be put under greater stress more frequently); create more air pollution; and make it difficult to travel along certain roads, especially for larger vehicles.

Other concerns include that the new limits create chaos and delays due to a lack of updated signage, and that the law will cost billions of pounds to the country (however, the Welsh government has said this is countered by the money saved by the NHS from reduced road accidents).

Alternatively, some commentators have suggested that the new speed limits are appropriate on certain roads with schools or hospitals, but that they are not needed on all residential roads; further research should have been carried out before the limits were implemented, so that only areas that needed them were affected.

So, what do you think? Were they a good idea, or should the law be reverted? Or, perhaps, only reverted in certain places?



Written by Eira Price

SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATES

(Written by Beatrice Utley)

The School Council have had their first meeting and are continuing to work on individual projects before the next meeting this half term.

Upcoming School Council events:

- Poppy Appeal and Remembrance, Cowbridge School was able to raise £1146.52 for the appeal.

Global charities – On the 8th of February 2024 Cowbridge School, aligned with Atlantic College, are hosting a charity concert in order to raise funds for the DEC.

- CCS Sixth Form Blood Drive – Assemblies will take place in October/November for the annual Blood Drive at Cowbridge Leisure Centre between October and December. (ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST BE 17+) (further information at <https://www.blood.co.uk/>)

Looking ahead to other projects:

- Student Ambassadors: Human rights week will occur in December.

- Rotary Boxes in January will be taking place again this year, donating towards people in Eastern Europe.

ECO NEWS

(Written by Wilf Morris & Alex Beechey)

This term, the Eco Committee's primary agenda is on establishing a mindset of being environmentally aware, and reducing litter and waste wherever possible. To do this, we have begun several schemes that will further this goal of mindfulness and consideration.

To achieve this goal, the Eco Committee are organising presentations for the younger years to encourage a mindfulness regarding littering alongside voluntary litter-picking activities for any pupils who wish to contribute. We also have introduced a new 'ECO Code', seen on all school laptop backgrounds, as a means to encourage consideration of waste and a more eco-oriented

mindset. Further activities such as gardening in the lower school are being set in motion; an opportunity to increase the wildlife of our area and encourage its value. And excitingly, we are beginning correspondence with wildflower conservationists in the local area! Any KS4 students interested in being a part of the eco committee and contributing to our local environment, a weekly Eco meeting is held every Thursday during form time in E2E. All support is much appreciated.

SCHOOL SPORTS

Written by Serian Penketh

The PE department has begun the year strong with lots of different sporting opportunities for all years. Clubs including netball, football, Rugby, Hockey and more have been running in preparation for the winter season. There is training every week for all school years in a variety of sports. With the new facilities up and running there are opportunities for everyone, please check the notice boards in the PE department for club timings, training and fixture schedules and more information.

Matches and Fixtures

All teams and competitors have had a wonderful start to the year with many successes for Cowbridge across all year groups.

The year 11 netball team qualified for the Cardiff and Vale county tournament, beating Stanwell, Llanishen and Bro Edern on Monday the 13th November.

Similarly, the U16 hockey team played their first tournament this season against Whitchurch and Howells last week. The year 7 football team have had great success in the Cardiff and Vale cup with a crushing defeat against Corpus Christi.

The year 8 rugby team have also had a great start to the season and years 7,8/9 and 10+ have triumphed in cross country with 1st, 2nd and 3rd respectively in the final league placings.

This is only some of the amazing work by Cowbridge pupils in sports, for further information please be drawn to the Cowbridge PE instagram page which celebrates all of the teams and success of our pupils. @cowbridgecomppe

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THANK YOU



Cowbridge Comprehensive School

Your generous Harvest donation of **183.8kg of food** to the **Vale Foodbank** will help us provide emergency food for local people in crisis.

COMBINED HARVEST APPEAL

*Help support foodbanks with food
and funds this Harvest!*



