

## School Council meeting agenda 09.03.23

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

1. Welcome to our fourth School Council meeting for 2022-23 Minutes to be taken by.....?
2. 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. Feedback on Cultural Awareness Week e.g. what went well? What could we do next time?- **All SC Members**

On behalf of Atlantic College and CCS the concert raised £605 for the Turkey/Syria earthquake appeal DEC. Calais refugee Awareness raised £270. The money was taken to Calais that weekend, along with clothes and second hand phones to help those in crisis.

2. Feedback on SC Network meeting - **Sophie Morgan (Thank you Sophie for attending on the SC's behalf)**
3. HeadBoy/Girl Process has started for Year 12. Feedback on process to date. - **Emann, Sophie, Nate and James**
4. Suggestions to briefly review- Please see list at end of agenda. - **All School Council Members**
5. Welsh History Group project- **Pippa/Poppy**
6. Lower Interact project on raising money for Turkey/Syria Earthquake Appeal DEC
7. New debating Group to start - **Sophie R**
8. PRIDE event - June 2023- **Izzy -Meeting with Ian on Monday March 20th 2pm**
9. Auschwitz holocaust project- **Nate**
10. Rotary Box Scheme- Filled boxes due on **17th March at 8.30am in A Block Foyer**. Rotary Groups Upper and Lower to help.-**Pippa and Poppy**
11. ECO Green Day to complete June/July to conclude and attain Green Flag Status. - **Nate Palmer**
12. Rotary Upper Interact held a conference with Norwegian school- Feedback **Pippa/Poppy**
13. Concert for Music Charity <https://www.musicforall.org.uk/> 27th June. Tickets can be purchased on Parentmail nearer the time. /Also - Yolay has been accepted for the Young people's awards for change. NSPCC. Well done-**Yolay**
14. Cancer Charities /World Cancer Day - Freya Cole's hair cut raised £260 for the Little Princess Trust. The tombola raised £154 for Cancer research (Cowbridge shop) and Velindre (in memory of Mrs Wakefield and Mrs Bedford). Marie Curie- Amount to be disclosed ASAP. - **James**

15. Update on the Lounge Project that started yesterday- **Christian**
16. Disability Awareness Week next week. Various events organised. -**Tia**
17. Autism Awareness PPT and Article- April 2nd -**Dan Evans**
18. Feedback from Council Meeting - Coronation planning- **Isabelle, Neve and Cai**. Feedback about PSCO Steve meeting.  
Notes from meeting (Mr Coates) at the end of the agenda- **All SC Members**. **Dave Breen/Biga John -CCS students**  
**volunteering at Cowbridge Town Hall.**
19. Asthma awareness project group to start this summer-Project for May 2024 Asthma awareness month- Beatrice Utley and  
Nia Miller Year 11 Prefects.
20. Dementia Friendly Cowbridge restart in September- Steve Blackman. Still issues in visiting the old age homes, due to  
covid. Therefore, Steve has suggested other ways to restart DFC- Collecting money for DFC research (Ceri Smith) Visit UK  
research Institute and help with data collection, help with DFC website and reviewing Music in Mind.

Please see Steve Blackman's email below-

I think this is what we discussed re Dementia Friendly Cowbridge and The School.

We are already coming to exam season so you are looking to prepare for next September when hopefully Dementia Friendly activities can be slotted into The School Council Agenda.

1. We would need some real improvement in community health before committing to regular contact with;  
Southway, Golden Oldies, Memory Jar, Bluebird Care and With Music in Mind  
But we will keep this under review.

2. The Fantastic UK Dementia Research Institute in Cardiff could offer a tour of the establishment and present details of their work.  
Full of clever young gifted scientists who are potential role models for students.

3. Fund raising for Dementia tends to lag behind heart, stroke, cancer charities. We might be able to ask Ceri Smith of Alzheimer's  
Research UK to present options and ideas for fundraising.

4.Dementia Friendly Cowbridge has set up a website for dementia friendly activities across The Vale. See [dementiafriendlyvale.com](http://dementiafriendlyvale.com)

We would welcome some enthusiastic ideas and search for more relevant information to access via the site.

We thought this could provide a start. Please let me know nearer the end of this academic year if you'd like more help in setting up some ideas.

With very best wishes.

Steven Blackman

Chairman. Dementia Friendly Cowbridge

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#### 21. [Atlantic College invite for Year 13-](#)

Hello,

My name is Nsika and I am a colleague of CLaudia Valarino at UWC Atlantic. We have previously had the great opportunity to engage with the students at Cowbridge Comprehensive School through various activities and events in this academic year.

We would like to continue to do so and extend an invitation to our upcoming conference Origin, which will take place on March 24th -25th. This conference aims to explore different art fields through global, cultural, political and more wider implications. It hopes to integrate the intersectionality and individuality of different areas of art with the varying talents of the student body, in order to produce art pieces. These artworks will be exhibited in a curated museum and performances at the end of the conference.

The conference takes place over a span of two days with an early start on Friday (9am - 5pm) and continued on Saturday (9am-5pm). The students will be involved in workshops and immersive activities that allow them to understand art as a call to action, but also as a way to engage with one another.

[If possible, we would be keen to welcome 6 students to participate in the conference. Please let me know if this is something that you might be interested in!](#)

**I look forward to hearing from you. Nsika**



**20-Health and Care email**

**Hi all**

**I'd be grateful if you could share the link below with children and young people in your school.**

**The Regional Partnership Board is made up of Vale of Glamorgan and Cardiff Council, Cardiff & Vale University Health Board, Welsh Ambulance Services NHS Trust, third and Independent sectors and carer representatives. Their aim is to improve the health and wellbeing of the population and improve how health and care services are delivered.**

**The RBP is developing their Area Plan which sets out what they will be focusing on for the next 5 years. This is a chance for children and young people to have their say. All ideas will be considered when finalising the plan.**

**Please find the link to the ideas board below:**

**You can see other people's ideas, comment, add your own and vote for the ones you like by clicking the** 

**<https://participate.cavrpwb.org/cyp-areaplan/brainstormers/what-should-our-priorities-be/>**

**The RPB would be particularly grateful for any comments or “likes” that are received by end of day on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March to support their deadline of 31.3.23. However, they will continue to check the ideas board and will also be grateful for any replies after that date.**

Please don't hesitate to get in touch with Jen Horton Jennifer Horton (Cardiff and Vale UHB - Cardiff And Vale Regional Partnership) [Jennifer.Horton2@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:Jennifer.Horton2@wales.nhs.uk) if you have any questions or need additional detail.

Best wishes

Emma

**AOB-.....**

**School Council Meeting 02/02/2023 - PCSO Davies**

PC Davies introduced himself, his background and what he wants for the session. PC Davies handed out a Vale Youth Service flyer.

VoG council using Cowbridge as a trial for Youth Services. Money made available for activities to be run. Llantwitt gets a lot of investment.

Town Council would like some representatives to attend meetings to add some modern elements to the King's Coronation celebrations. Looking to bring all the community together. Looking to link with the school. The Town Council wants to try and bring some of the generations together.

Previous meeting had been held, circa 2019, to discuss similar things, such as a youth club being put in place. But, Covid, finance, and the new Mayor put a barrier in place to this.

Currently a missing link for activities for the younger generation in the community. Mayor wants to bring a range of activities to the community, with funding.

**PC Davies wants something to happen for the local community. He's been involved with the community for over a year and wants things to be in place for the local people. Opportunities need to open up.**

**SC suggestions:**

- Chess club
- Dodgeball club
- Languages club
- Badminton club
- Arts club
- Younger farmers - public speaking / debating club
- Cooking club
- Art / photography competition / club
- Computer club
- Girls football club
- Work experience schemes
- Student help study session (older students helping younger students)
- Music clubs are well run within the school. Expand outside school.
- Sports - Hockey / Rugby clubs which haven't taken off in school. Mixed gender sports. Squash is lacking within Cowbridge because of the facilities available.
- Money / Finance / Lifeskills input sessions
- Her Voice Wales in the local community
- Enterprise / Community Enterprise projects / careers fairs
- First aid / public services

Think about the name of 'Youth Club'. Needs to be called something more relevant. I.e. call the names of the clubs what they actually are. Not just a general term. 'Youth' can be off putting as feels for a younger audience.

Next SC Meeting 20th April 2023

Suggestions- school- <b>Suggestions will be sent to relevant staff.</b>	Canteen- <b>Suggestions to be given to Cleverchefs</b>
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-One-way system should stay /Get rid of one way system x2

-Google classroom for Rugby

-Jewellery

-Re-submitting our option choices for year10

-Bring back drama club

-Shorter days

-A better system for the lunch with 3 year groups on, by the time the last year gets in there no food and only 15 mins of break left.

Allowing students to go inside during break

-I would like the next discussion to be about being able to go to the toilet whenever you want as I think it is unfair having to ask and you should be allowed to go whenever you want especially for girls/women.

-Run some more fundraisers.

-More clubs at lunchtime "

-Having a non-school uniform day for national women's month/ More non -school uniform days x2

-Not being able to go to the toilet in class, and being not able to wear leggings and cameras pointing into the toilets, and not being allowed to go inside when cold.

-Fix/Improve 6th form toilets

-Allowing Students to wear hoodies as I (and probably other students) NEVER wear coats even if it's heavy raining because of how uncomfortable (and even scruffy sometimes) they are and plus it would not really effect how "smart" the school looks as it would actually probably be an upside for people looking for schools to join as I assume other schools rather mostly don't allow or allow hoodies, even if there was restrictions such as not allowed to use the hood inside or something like that I'd really love it :)

-moni sold in canteen safe?

-School food is too expensive x4 School meals cheaper x3

better system for break and lunch and no one way system

-"Gluten free options in the canteen

-Marshmallows

-"Upon returning in November after half term we were pleasantly surprised to see that a new 3 week menu had been implemented at Refreshers.

-There was more variety in the menu with higher quality food that we looked forward to trying. However, 4 months later, the 3 week menu is piece of history. Now we have to put up with a dreadful, repetitive and weird menu. For example, our food option Monday was a stale, dry piece of focaccia bread with some chicken on top. The chips were cold and soggy. And this wasn't a one-off. This is the god-awful food we have to put up with every single day. There have been no efforts to improve the menu and it's getting worse every day. I hope you take this into consideration during your next school council meeting as this menu has become out right unbearable.

-"THE SCHOOL FOOD IS AWFUL!!

-the amount of healthy options in school

-Around November time, we were pleasantly surprised on the quality and variety of the food with the new 3 week programme. The food was tasty, warm, and it seriously felt fresh. However, you have truly disappointed us in 2023 with the COLD, DISGUSTING, AND UNFRESH FOOD. For the past 4 weeks it has been a DISGRACE. For 4 days a week, we had to deal with dry and cold focaccia, topped with

-Our school should join debate mates. This is an idea that I thought if people would like to join the club it might be a success? Earth club - whoever is in the club votes for a leader. They then have meetings (maybe every Friday lunch time from 12:30 -1:00) about what they need to do in the following week such as litter picking , reducing plastic in the school etc. The people in the club can also make posters or flyers to give out or stick around the school. They could send out emails to people in the school spreading awareness of climate change and plastic pollution. This could help out school be better for the planet

-I think that they should talk about doing more fun things in form time.

-After school revision sessions.

-Sixth Form sport

-The unfairness of the difference between girls and boys PE schedules.

-No form, better footballs to play with at break

-Let us on the fields x2

-Toilets are nasty/get better bathroom

-Add treadmill in gym pls I beg of you    -Better equipment to use

-Discrimination within school, mainly towards the LGBTQ+ community.

Year 7

More cross-over in PE (football, rugby, netball, hockey crossover);-Boys and girls PE are the same sport

- Chess club - used to be one but not anymore.

a spec of meat, with a side of cold and uncooked potato wedges. NOT ONLY HAS THE FOOD GOTTEN WORSE, THE PRICE HAS MASSIVELY INCREASED. We would understand if it was the same food as before but, THE FOOD IS WORSE AND THE PRICE IS HIGHER!! At least 2 days a week I face a query whether to pay Â£2.50 for ugly food, or whether to go hungry. THIS SHOULD NOT HAPPEN! However , you'll be pleased to know that the morning food is perfect and the desserts are nice, but when I want a proper meal, I am dissatisfied with the choice.

FIX THIS NOW!!"

-"The Food.

-At break - The chocolate chip panna chocolates are extremely tasty, keep those. The desserts - Very good, just bring back the brownies with the salted caramel and chocolate sauce on top.

Lunch - It's okay, just improve food and make sure it's warm for eating."

-Better variety in food suitable for vegetarians and cheaper food

-The Sunday dinners at lunchtime are not very popular with pupils. Is there any way we could change this food option?

Year 7

- Bring back Pizza in the canteen;
- Less pastry, more fruit for dessert options;
- Cheaper food, as it is very expensive;

