

Frome College Student Council Meeting: Minutes of meeting

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| Date: | 21.03.25 | | |
| Item | Action agreed | Who to action? | By what date? |
| Thank yous | Students asked to complete Postcards for staff who they would like to thank. | Done | KWI to distribute |
| Feedback from last meeting | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mobile phone survey - the Council would like future surveys to be conducted by 6th Form as they feel some students may worry about being honest in surveys sent out by teachers. - Maths 6th Form - one of the further Maths tutors has left - there are no Friday lessons and one clashes with PSHE. FEEDBACK - a solution is being sought for this. - Girls Changing Rooms - these are still inadequate in the student's eyes. FEEDBACK - concerns raised by Principal to Sports Centre and Trust. - Canteen: could the canteen accept Cash? FEEDBACK - there are no plans to go back to cash. - Summer Uniform - optional polo shirt - look Sexey's School as an example. FEEDBACK - we will make reasonable adjustments around uniform as normal on exceptionally hot days. We will not introduce a summer uniform. - Fundraising for the changing rooms could be a good idea - we would be interested in raising funds to help. FEEDBACK - this is a generous offer but the sum of money needed is significant. Concerns raised by Principal to Sports Centre and Trust. - What is the purpose of Mobile Free Day - some students have forgotten - very difficult in Cooking lessons - can recipes be printed? FEEDBACK - purpose distributed to tutors to remind students. Feedback given to cooking teachers. | Done | N/A |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Complaints about lower years using Year 13 study room. FEEDBACK - Mr Davies is aware and dealing with any incidents. - More cleaners - this will ensure the site is kept clean quicker. FEEDBACK - we have a constant programme of recruitment. - Boys changing rooms are boarded up - they are not open. Can we have some feedback on why this is and what is happening? FEEDBACK - concerns raised by Principal to Sports Centre and Trust. - We would like to be able to wear more piercings and larger hoop earrings. FEEDBACK - our jewellery allowances are already generous in comparison to other schools. We have no plans to extend this. - Locks on bathrooms - some are too flimsy. FEEDBACK: please report this to Student Services. - Struggling to get to lunch before clubs. ACTION: Mrs Windsor discussed the history of the break times at Frome College and the various models tried over time. There are pros and cons of both models. - New laptops for 6th form - they are really slow. FEEDBACK: these are being reviewed by IT and will be replaced if needed. - New window in H Block but is attracting large crowds and blocking the path. FEEDBACK: students have been cleared from this area and it is far quieter now. - Less homework in Year 9 - Tech (non option) are giving a homework a term rather than once a year. FEEDBACK: this should now have stopped. Core set and Options set weekly. Other subjects one project homework a year on rotation. - More break time activities - we like the ones on mobile free days. FEEDBACK: these are being arranged. - More Rugby and Basketball fixtures. FEEDBACK: we are at capacity for fixtures at the moment. - Year 11s are getting too much homework - not enough time to focus on revision. FEEDBACK: check with CLs - all homework is feeding in the final exams now. - Heaters needed in the changing rooms. FEEDBACK - concerns raised by Principal to Sports Centre and Trust. - Dirty floors in A Block and S Block - bags will get covered in dust and dirt. FEEDBACK: feedback to the - More school trips. FEEDBACK: passed to teaching staff. - Theatre seating - clouds of dust coming out. FEEDBACK: passed to Merlin. | | |
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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - House Assemblies - being sat on floor at the start is uncomfortable - can these be staggered throughout the week instead. FEEDBACK: we will do these in the Merlin from now on. - Intersport - the boys seems to have more interesting options - could girls and boys vote for the types of events they would like to take part in. FEEDBACK: there is a review in PE taking place. - People going into Music practice rooms when they shouldn't be. FEEDBACK: this is being monitored and should be reported to Music staff immediately if this happens. - Darts - when players have their own darts they have to leave them at school for the entirety of the competition - this is weeks. FEEDBACK: Mr Forrest aware and will look for a solution if this is possible. - More accessories allowed on the uniform such as badges. FEEDBACK: we have no plans to adapt our policy at present. | | |
| What's working well... | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lots of revision for Year 11. We are really grateful. - Drama rehearsals have been welcomed for Year 11. - Lessons are going well. - Library - this is working well. - Mr Cantrell's lessons - this came from 10J1. - The Hub is very good and a good place to do homework. The Hub is quieter and a better place to regulate. - Area outside of H Block is better. - After school sports clubs - Gym Club and time after school with Ms. Harper for GSCE Dance Club. - Good communication around the mocks. - TAs have been really good with some of the Year 9s in your tutor group Mrs Hurst's tutor group. - Canteen food at the moment - bacon and cheese flatbread and the baguettes (pizza baguette). - Year 9 PE lessons are full. - Option lessons for Year 9 especially GCSE PE and Sociology. - Big site enough room for everyone. - Going on the field at breaks. | Year 10 reps to feedback to ERE | 30.04 |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Options for the Easter Revision. | | |
| Even Better If... | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Shorter tutor time - Mrs Windsor's explained that this won't be changed but has suggested a review to check all time is being used. Feedback: - Canteen prices. - To schedule ball collection from the roof. - More fundraising activities - happy with non-uniform days. - We don't enjoy non-phone days. Perhaps once every two weeks. It's inconvenient for coursework subjects - middle of the week makes it hard to remember. We voted as a Council and would prefer Mondays. - More activities on non-phone days. - Girls PE isn't very good - we were playing Jenga, Dobble and noughts and crosses. - Exams for Drama - they were timetabled really badly - 7 days off timetable in two weeks - that is really close together - Drama and Art schedules on the same. - Frome College Exchange - we would like to go to another country. We would like a European Country or America or Canada as they speak English. - Put nets on the goals and new basketball hoops. - No PE Kit on non-uniform days. - Vending machines around the site to make things quicker at lunchtimes. Why isn't the Tuk Tuk always open. - More suggestions on websites and revision resources rather than just after school - what can we do at home? - Wearing blazers to get into tutor - we don't like this. - Timings for each Year group to get lunch. - Maths homework - we don't like the competition between classes. The videos aren't helpful. - MSNP Maths and Science - the tests are not what you would get in the real exam - this does not seem appropriate for the Year 11 mocks, the Science revision is not as helpful as it could be (no context to the questions and you don't know the number of marks which is essential), email to parents re: what revision but there was nothing for Grade 9 students, we don't like our teachers not having creativity around what they teach | Year 10 Reps to feedback to ERE | 30.04 |

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| | and how. When every lesson is taught the same it can feel really dry. Some of the tests in Year 10 have things we haven't learnt yet. In Year 10 History they made us do a People's Health Topic 3 weeks after we had learnt it. | | |
| Frome Town Council | What is working well and even better if around Frome Town from Term 2 has been shared with the Town Council who have collected this from all Frome Schools. They are creating a display in the Town Hall and would like to invite us to the opening later this year. | KWI to confirm in next meeting | Term 5 meeting |
| Meeting with Mrs Reynolds | Year 10 Reps to meet with Mrs Reynolds to feedback Student Council minutes on Wednesday 30th April during Tutor Time. | Year 10 Reps | 30.04 |