

Student Council

Constitution:

This is the full process of constitution as consultation has finished.

The Aim of the Student Council: The aim of the student council is to work in partnership with the Board of management, staff and parents for the benefit of the whole school community. The student council seeks to provide a line of communication between students, management, staff and parents, representing the views of the student body on matters of concern to them.

The work of the council: The council will undertake a programme of activities which will support students, teachers, parents and staff.

Student council officers: The council will appoint a Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer. Each will hold office for one year at a time.

Subcommittees: A subcommittee will consist of at least three members. The council reserves the right to form subcommittees when the need arises. The subcommittees must report regularly to the council on their progress.

Finance and fundraising: The Treasurer will keep up to date and accurate accounts of all money raised by the council and will provide a report to the council at last council meeting of year as an overall view of the year's progress. Consultation will take place with management before any fundraising activities.

Meeting and Decision making: The council will meet at least five times a year. Meetings can be called by the Chairperson or by three or more members of the council. All members of the council will be notified of the meeting and details will be posted on the television screen. At least one third of the council has to attend for a decision to be made. Any member of the council can call for a vote to be held and in the event of a tie the chairperson has the casting vote.

If any member fails to attend three meetings in a row without an excuse given, the council has the right to remove the member for not being committed to the council.

Changes to the constitution: Once the constitution is adopted any changes must be discussed in advance with the Board of Management. All the council members must be circulated with the proposed change at least one week in advance of the vote. At least two thirds of the council must be present for the vote.

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Composition of the council: Each class will be given the opportunity to elect one representative for a term in office of one school year. Students may be re-elected. The voting will take place in class time and will be a secret ballot. The two students from each class who have the most votes will be allowed go forward for training. The student with the highest votes will be the class representative. However, should this student be unable to attend her deputy may attend instead. The Head Girl sits on the council as an Executive member.

Dissolution of the council: The Board of Management may dissolve the council in exceptional circumstances. Where a serious breach of discipline has occurred or there have been irregularities in the election or finances.