

Wednesday 22nd May 2024

## **Woodbridge Road Academy Council Meeting**

Attendees: NS, GK, GJ, SM

Apologies: BD

### **1. Curriculum**

NS gave an overview of the current WRA curriculum.

KS4 qualifications - most pupils will do GCSE maths, English & Science. Pupils will take the Entry Level Certificate to get them used to exams. Most students are doing hospitality and catering & photography GCSE. There is flexibility if needed for other GCSEs, for example music. There is the possibility of potential options for younger years when they get to KS4, in particular the large year 7 cohort.

Computing is being adapted and is getting more creative including possible inclusion of VR. The pupils like more practical lessons such as food tech & art.

An online gallery was discussed and will hopefully be up and running by the end of the year. This will be shared with parents and carers once completed.

There were discussions about having more outdoor learning - the council were happy for this. There were discussions about starting forest school and visiting other suggestions. It was suggested that we could start with buying grow bags and asking for donations of plants.

Pupils are currently doing the Duke of Edinburgh award at KS4. There is a possibility of it starting from year 9 in future.

There are various curriculum adaptations happening to ensure that we best suit our learners, some are happening now and others for next year.

Work experience was discussed. Y11 have done work experience this year and it is currently being arranged for the current Y10. This is likely to take place in the autumn term.

Staff are currently being allocated for the next academic year and parents / carers will be updated during the summer term.

## **2. Pupil Leadership**

We discussed suggestions for pupil leadership roles. The following were discussed:

- Pupils want to start a weekly newsletter which they produce themselves.
- Staff have suggested `library monitors`.
- Council members suggested planet savers, this could include composting food waste, recycling, ensuring lights are turned off
- Gardening
- Responsibility for PE equipment

Naomi updated about the school council meetings and reported that they are going well with good discussions.

There was discussion about travel including travel training, pupils completing a survey on travel and bikeability.

It was also suggested that we could incorporate the daily mile.

## **3. Updated Behaviour Policy**

The Behaviour Policy has been updated on the website. The changes include clearer sections on mobile phones and the introduction of a routines document.

## **4. Academy Council Vacancy**

There is a vacant position on the academy council. This will be advertised shortly.

## **5. Any questions**

There was a question about school photos as this was previously raised at a coffee morning, this is currently being investigated.

School nurses will run workshops again. The puberty workshop will be repeated in the autumn and the nurses have also offered workshops on sleep and emotional regulation. The parents present have asked for emotional regulation first and sleep following that. The nursing team is looking into recorded versions and the school will share these with parents when they are received.

The Harry Potter trip was discussed and it was agreed that it was a success.