



2nd July 2015

Dear Parent/ Carer,

I am writing to update you on the achievements of the Campion School Council 2014/15. The School Council is made up of two students from every year group. The students on the Council are a great credit to the school, which you will see through the achievements they have made this year.

On the 17th October 2014, two members of the School Council visited the Towcester Council Buildings for the South Northants Youth Council Conference. Four School Council Members became our representatives for South Northants.

Throughout the year numerous issues have been brought up with the School Canteen:

- Moving the Vending Machines – After suggestion by the School Council on the 23rd October, the vending machines in the main canteen have been moved to reduce the issues with queueing.
- Canteen Queues – (brought up mainly in the Year 10 Student Voice on 21st January) Students highlighted many issues with both the Canteen and the Tuck Shop with regards to the queueing system. *'Students stated that the greatest issue [for the Canteen and Tuck Shop] is the queueing as Students are using this opportunity to push; skip queues if younger students are in front of them; and join the queue where their friends are... Students also suggested more tills'*. Meeting with Mr Pickering (29th January 2015) resulted in a confirmation of the closing of the Tuck Shop and the new queueing system in the Canteen. Mr Pickering also confirmed the introduction of a new till in the Canteen.
- Food Quality – After highlighting numerous issues with the quality of the food in the Canteen, Mr Pickering reported that the contract with Nourish has been cancelled and that the School were now out to tender and looking into new Canteen Contractors to start in September. Members of the School Council are participating in the interviewing process due to take place on the 1st and 2nd of July.
- Canteen Menu – On the 29th of January, the School Council asked for the Canteen Menu to be available on view in the Canteen and on the Bulletin. Both are now available for students to access.

After highlighting Inter-House Competitions in the October Student Voice, the following events took place during the school year: 'The Great Campion Bake Off' 17th – 19th November, 'Year 7 Olympics' 9th February, 'Campion's Got Talent' 13th March and 'The Big Campion Quiz' 27th April – 1st May. Members of the School Council were involved in the development of each competition.

Within both the Sixth Form Senate on 11th February and the School Council on 19th March, students highlighted issues with the car park with regards to both availability of parking and road safety. A meeting with Mr Pickering, Mrs Brient and three Council members on 22nd April resulted in the following:

- A Zebra Crossing will be painted in the Car Park over the Summer Holidays to allow students to cross more safely from the tree by the main entrance gate to the front of the school.
- Mr Pickering is looking into how we could create more Car Parking Spaces for both staff and sixth formers.
- The pot-holes in the car park will be filled when the building of the new block is complete.
- Alistair Bassett wrote to Councillors from Northamptonshire County Council to re-highlight the need for a crossing on the main road from the public bus stop and to encourage a meeting to show the issues experienced.





On 12th June, Councillor Michael Clarke, Councillor Joan Kirkbride and Helen Howard came in to school for a meeting regarding 'Road Safety at Campion' and a possible road crossing. The visitors met with two School Council Students, Mr Pickering, Mrs Whitmore and me. At 3:00pm, the School Council briefed the visitors with the major issues and then took them out to witness the issues presented. This has resulted in a possible consultation with an engineer to look at placing a crossing on the main road.

On 5th November, six Student Council members met with school staff and the Sportswear International supplier to discuss the initial ideas for the new uniform. The Student Voice meetings on the 17th – 21st November voted on the new logo for the school blazers. All information was passed on and the new uniform is set for September 2015.

After much discussion in Student Voice and the School Council, I took the Head Boy and Head Girl into the DSLP meeting on 13th January to discuss house representation. As raised in the uniform meeting on 5th November, students stated that the house strips were tatty and caused issues for parents with application. After discussion of house lanyards, house ties and house badges, the preferred house badge was presented to the DSLPs. Although initially this was rejected by DSLPs, as a result of student involvement, house badges will now be part of the school uniform from September 2015.

In response to the issues with Vertical Tutoring raised on 17th December, each Sixth Form Head of House re-allocated the sixth formers in their House accordingly to ensure attendance of at least one Sixth-Former on Mondays and Fridays. Also, our Deputy Head Girl formulated an activity for Sixth Formers that would increase participation, focusing on 'what's next' for both KS4 and KS3 students. This was passed onto Miss Llabani to include in the Vertical Tutoring activities.

On 17th December, 'Students asked to improve the use of Student Artwork around the school'. Student Artwork can now be found along the main corridors, reception areas and in some classrooms. All displays have also been re-done to improve the school-working environment.

On 15th and 17th June Mr Ward came into the Student Voice Meetings to meet with the students regarding any improvements that could be made in Maths. This provided students with an opportunity to improve things, such as how homework is issued in Maths.

The information above shows the important impact our Student Council has on school improvements and also reflects a significant commitment of time from each Council member. I want to personally thank each individual for their excellent involvement in the School Council this year and for all that they have done to help make Campion the very best it can be for all members of our school community.

Yours sincerely,

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