



## STUDENT COUNCILS

### PURPOSE

- to give students a say in school matters
- to give students a further way of taking responsibility
- to provide the school with a forum for consulting students
- to improve school life
- as a result of the above, to increase student motivation and self-esteem and so to improve student achievement.

### STRUCTURE

#### Individual Year Councils

- each tutor group to be represented by two students; one girl and one boy (reserves to attend in cases of absence). Tutors should discuss the kind of qualities which representatives should possess with their group before the election
- these representatives to be elected by tutor group voting at the start of each school year
- meetings to be held throughout the year.
- to be chaired by the Assistant Achievement Co-ordinator or her/his representative
- items for the agenda to be discussed during morning registration and/or tutorial
- items for the agenda to be submitted to the Chair in advance, if possible. The Chair to draw up the agenda, including school items for consultation, and to circulate it in advance, if possible
- the Chair to have the final say over items to be discussed, (in consultation with the Achievement Co-ordinator)
- major proposals arising from discussion to be submitted for the School Council agenda
- a summary of recommendations to be drafted by student representatives, submitted to the Assistant Achievement Co-ordinator for finalising, typed and published to each tutor group; note-takers to come from different groups for each meeting.

### SCHOOL COUNCIL

- comprising of two representatives (one girl, one boy) from each year group (Years 7 to 11 and Sixth Form). Representatives will be appointed at the start of each year following an election. (reserve to attend in case of absence).
- meetings to be held throughout the year
- to be chaired by the Deputy Headteacher
- items for the agenda to be linked to the School Improvement Plan (as requested by the Senior Leadership Team) and from the minutes of the Year Council meetings. The agenda will be published in advance of the School Council meeting to enable discussion in Tutor groups
- a summary of proposals to be made by the Chairperson and published to all tutor groups for discussion
- the school to act on all worthwhile and practicable proposals after consultation with staff
- School Council representatives will be required to act as ambassadors for the school and meet with external visitors as required
- School Council updates to be published in the School newsletter.