

Arbour Academy Student council Meeting Minutes

Date: 28th November 2024

Attendees: School Council

Our latest School Council meeting focused on key topics to enhance student experience. Here's a summary of the discussions:

Developing Rewards & Recognition at Arbour

- The current grading system was reviewed, with students sharing mixed feedback.
- The council expressed general support, stating it provides motivation.
- Some students felt it could be unfair at times and not always reflective of their day.
- GP introduced a transition towards a more relational approach, focusing on positive recognition and strong student-teacher relationships rather than consequences.

Personal Development Activities & Lunchtime

- More **art and music activities** were requested, including instrument use and music production.
- **Key Stage 3** suggested more outdoor activities, including sports equipment and weights.
- **Board games** for unstructured time were proposed, with Uno being a popular choice.
- **Bracelet making** to return for KS4.
- Pupils suggested playing **music at break and lunchtime**, possibly using the radio.
- **Films** were discussed, with Marvel movies being of interest—age-appropriate guidance will be sought.

Any Other Business (AOB)

- Pupils **disliked double periods**, feeling afternoons were too long.
 - A Pupil (KS3) proposed making the last lesson **1 hour** and using the final **30 minutes for structured activities**.
 - Activities suggested: **boxing, board games, and football**.

- Some pupils felt that **teachers did not always listen during moments of crisis** and expressed concerns about comparisons between students.
- Request for a **water dispenser in KS3**.

This meeting highlighted thoughtful suggestions from pupils, reflecting their commitment to making Arbour a more engaging and supportive environment. Thank you to all who participated!