



**BUDMOUTH
ACADEMY WEYMOUTH**

AN ASPIRATIONS ACADEMY

Academy Council Meeting October 2023

STUDENT

VOICE

We listened. We learned. We led. We reflected

Present: 6th Form Leadership Team/Student Leadership Team/Trust Student Leadership Team
Mr Hoffmann/Mr David

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Isabel Taylor, Amelie Forshaw and Josh Hallett will represent Budmouth for the Academy Council which will give them the opportunity to share ideas with other schools in the trust	.
MH requested that the council members try to listen to the students who do not have a voice within the school because they aren't prepared to speak out. Encourage everyone to raise issues to take the school forward and to have an impact in the future. Even though most of you won't be here when the new school is built, your legacy will still be here.	Student Leadership Team to raise at the next School Council Meeting. USE YOUR VOICE
Homework – some students feel that it is pointless and it has a negative impact on them.	The Academy is looking at introducing a new homework policy that links the lesson you have just done to the next one. Therefore, it gives further learning on what you have just done and explains how it links to the next one. This would be for the lower school as sixth form tend to have exam questions for homework to prepare them for exams. If anyone would like to be involved please let MH know.
The 6th form are going to make changes to rag week. The changes have been discussed with SM.	Each tutor will raise money for a specific charity and it will be staggered for each tutor throughout the year rather than condensed into one week. Last year it wasn't promoted enough. There will no longer be a 6th form non-uniform day.

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The 6th form raised that preparation for UCAS happens too late.	MH asked the 6th form team to speak to Mr Davidson who can put something in place for it to start in Y11.
The 6th form would like the 6th form block brightened.	6 th Form to speak to Mr Morris
Canteen prices were raised again.	MH explained that sticking to the main meals is the cheapest option as they are set at the FSM price.
The Y11 canteen has not got enough healthy options	. MH happy to raise it with the canteen staff but it is limited because of where it is. Y11 are able to go to the main canteen and get a healthy lunch instead.
Students would like card readers to put money on their accounts as when parents upload the money it can take an hour to appear on their accounts.	MH will find out if it is possible.
Students would like the option of female fit blazers.	The blazers are not unisex but boy's blazers that girls are expected to wear.
Students would like some DT competitions instead of sport.	AD suggested that the Head students should take the lead. Speak to the DT teachers and then create posters to advertise it.
Students have suggested a winter sports day.	Sports Captains should meet with Mr Bullock to suggest the idea



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Students would like access to the fitness suite at lunch time	Sports captains to raise at Sports Council
The 6th form would like to advertise different cultures, they have set up a board in the 6th form.	MH agreed for another board to be put up in the Avenue.
The students would like to do an award for a staff member at the end of each half term.	MH agreed that would be a great idea, the award can be presented at briefing by the students.
Students feel that some of the shorts worn for PE are far too short.	Sport's Captains will raise it in the meeting with Mr Bullock.
Students feel that some parts of ATL lack purpose and it would be much more beneficial to use the time to do more of the main subjects	. MH explained that the school is looking at reducing it from 2024 and to make it more project based.
The lower school have raised that they are often sent away from the student support centre when they need support.	MH to look into this
.Students raised a question about the prayer and sensory room.	The prayer room and sensory room are separate rooms. The sensory room is timetabled some of the time so not always available
Toilets are not very nice	MH has added a cleaning rota during the day instead of just after school and employed two more cleaning staff