

# **SCHOOL COUNCIL POLICY**

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At Ysgol Bryn Elian we feel that an effective school council can:

- Make Ysgol Bryn Elian more inclusive and a better place by bringing together pupils, staff, the Senior Leadership Team, and the Governing Body
- Provide a formalised channel of communication between pupils, the Senior Leadership Team and the Governing Body
- Provide a sounding board for the senior management team and Governing Body
- Offer an organised and representative way for pupils to express their opinions
- Help pupils develop and practise life skills such as communication and improve their understanding of the perspectives and opinions of others
- Give pupils opportunities to take responsibility and to share ownership of problems and their resolution
- Help improve mutual understanding between pupils, staff, Senior Leadership and Governors.

### **Constitution**

The School Council will consist of:

- Member of the Senior Leadership Team
- Other staff by invitation
- Two Year 12 students
- Head boy and Head girl
- Two representatives from each year group 7-11
- One member from the Learning Zone/Individual Support Base

### **Meetings**

- These will take place on a half termly basis
- All meetings will have an Agenda and last no more than the period of one lesson
- Minutes will be produced and displayed on the form notice board and a copy given to SLT
- Attendance by members at meetings will be monitored
- Representatives are responsible for ensuring that each year group's interests are fully represented
- Notice of meetings will be given by Form Tutors and Learning Mentors

### **Issues for Discussion**

The regulations do not stipulate what School Councils should consider. Issues which the Council at Bryn Elian may tackle include:

- Improvements to the school environment such as toilets, litter, school décor, the playground, recycling
- Developing resources and facilities such as the school Library, sports, music or drama facilities
- Bullying, mentoring, pupil welfare, pastoral support arrangements
- The transition from Primary to Secondary school and to 6<sup>th</sup> Form education
- Healthy eating and healthy recreation
- Involvement in school staff appointments
- Lunchtime and after school activities
- School meals
- School uniform
- Curriculum provision
- Interview panels for staff appointment
- Reviewing of school policies

### **Elections to the School Council at Ysgol Bryn Elia**

- Nominations will be sought from each form group in the school via a fair and democratic process managed by the Form Tutor
- A ballot will be held for nominated pupils and the representatives with the most votes will make up the School Council as per constitution
- The Head boy and girl, as elected posts, will be members of the School Council
- One representative will be elected from the Learning Resource Base also