

QHS Pupils Council. Notes from meeting held on 4th October 2017.

Present . Natalie Honeyford, Graeme McKinley, Neil McKinlay, David Flint.

The purpose of the meeting was to bring us all up to date.

The 2nd model of the Pupils Council is now up and running, the groups meet on Friday mornings.

Each tutor group selects a representative who feeds back information from the group meetings and this leads to the groups forming opinions based on tutor discussion.

The structures are in place, a junior and a senior group, each group having a chairperson.

The previous terms of reference have been maintained, the logistics more solid.

A system of training is being set up, led by Natalie and supported by a small group of colleagues, this will include training to make observations in the school.

Information can be passed to whole school assemblies.

The groups will liaise with the sports council reps.

Pupils have been interviewing teachers leading to quality follow up questions.

Neil spoke about the "youth talks" programme which seek to ask what youngsters want/need in the area and follow this up by trying to facilitate their requests when possible.

Various topics were discussed which could involve the Pupils Councils.

Litter situation, street crossings, playing fields, local clubs, the High Street, public transport - availability of bus routes, voluntary groups and the new school building and facilities.

Future meetings are being planned, Natalie to keep the others informed.

David Flint.

Action plans from Natalie

1. NH to liaise with NM, DF and GM to share some examples of Tutor Time activities with the aim of creating two slots Oct/Dec focussed on addressing the issue of litter in the community and raising awareness of the role of the Community Council.
2. NH to invite NM, DF and GM in to meet with the Pupil Councils and get feedback (Nov)
3. GM, NM and DF to liaise with NH following discussions regarding the Youth Talks initiative to discuss how the school can support taking this forward.
4. NH to work with Pupil Council to support attendance of two Community Council meetings by Chairs/Vice Chairs.

I will be in touch next week with regards to some examples of previous Tutor tasks and possible dates.