



School Council News

Spring 2018

The school council has discussed and debated new ideas to fulfil our aim of continuously improving life at Redborne. One of the main topics we have discussed in our meetings has been the refurbishment of the sixth form common room, otherwise known as the Culcheth Centre. After designing floor plans, browsing furniture catalogues and outlining a budget with the finance department, we have confirmed work will begin over the February half term break. Time will also be spent over the Easter break to finish the work. We are excited to see the results, and know it will be a huge benefit to current students, as well as students in years to come! We have discussed the idea of converting the Culcheth Centre to an area specifically for study, and introducing the atrium as a common room for socialising. However, these plans have not been confirmed, and discussion will continue into the next half term.

In addition, we have spoken about the new café and classrooms which are currently being built as an extension to the Connolly Hall. We have discussed the types of food and drink that students would be interesting in purchasing, as well as furniture ideas to make the new space vibrant and modern. This is another exciting development at Redborne, which the school council are eager to be involved in.

Members of the school council have shared ideas concerning the new 'praise and reward' scheme currently being introduced to year 9. The school council have highlighted the importance of recognising top effort, and have discussed how this could be acknowledged more often in assemblies. We'd like to improve the achievement point system, where teachers can electronically award points for hard-working students. It has been

mentioned to the school council that it can sometimes be unclear why an achievement point has been given, and we considered ways of improving this by encouraging teachers to note the reason.

The idea of introducing a 'Redborne hoodie' to the school uniform has also been discussed. We have looked at a sample hoodie, and noted what we liked and disliked about the design. When asking students of their views, there was a hugely positive response. Many students said they'd enjoy wearing the hoodie as part of their uniform, as it may be more comfortable and warm, particularly for the winter months!

Furthermore, it has been suggested by the school council that the parking bay lines in the south school car park should be repainted. We thought this would aid parking, and make the best use of the space, considering the large numbers of sixth form students now driving to school. Many sixth form students have complained about this issue to members of the school council. Senior staff have now said this could be completed by the summer.

The school council looks forward to continuing to work on the ideas discussed above, as well as welcoming new senior students for 2018-2019. This year, the school council will help select the best candidates for the role. We're looking for students who are passionate about helping others and improving school life.



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Senior students 2017-18