

Student Voice

Summary and Responses

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Chair's summary

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Executive Summary

The third Student Voice meeting of 2023-24 discussed several topics such as feedback from the maintenance meeting, update on the headphones petition, and prom venues. Moreover, Student voice also discussed the progression of societies and how there has now been a Muslim society set up. There was also feedback made on the KS3 Ambassador x Student Voice meetings. Reps also brought up the need for the canteen to stop being a silent study because they noted that many students go into the canteen to relax and that Tallis does not have a common room, therefore, students would like to be able to talk in the canteen. Furthermore, it was highlighted that teachers should be able to allow students to go to the bathroom during class. Finally, there were other business discussions such as the Chair going to speak in Parliament and funding for the neurodiversity branch. Overall, many issues were raised and more general members of the Tallis Post 16 society are encouraged to come and share their views on issues such as these raised.

Report

Issues raised – Response – Action

Order of Issues:

1. Maintenance of toilets and fountain feedback
2. Headphones update
3. Prom venue
4. Student ambassador meeting feedback
5. Society progression
6. Potential for group projects
7. Bathroom usage during lesson time
8. Canteen
 - a. Study areas
 - b. Laptop availability

AOB

Order 1: Maintenance of toilets and fountain feedback

Issue raised: Update on last week

Response:

Firstly, regarding toilets, during the meeting with Vanessa Cummins, I explained that there were several toilets that needed fixing, for example the toilet door in Block 5 top floor and the leakage in Block 3 toilets that needed fixing. We then concluded that it was mostly the lower school (secondary school) that needed talking to because the behaviour was not acceptable and so there had to be more staff outside the toilets surveying the behaviour to keep the toilets clean. However, she also explained that G4S, who are the contractor for the school, have a system set up so that students can report things that need to be fixed. Regarding the fountains, I expressed that the water pressure in the sixth form canteen is struggling, however, Vanessa expressed that it would be very costly to replace the valve that controls the water pressure, and it would cause more difficulties. However, it was a very productive meeting and I look forward to speaking more with Vanessa regarding upkeep.

Order 2: Headphones update

Issue raised: Updates on headphone manifestation

Response:

Danylo has been able to make significant progress with this issue. There have been good signups and responses as many students believe that headphones should be work around the building. I encourage students who are interested in this should email Danylo and sign up to this petition.

Order 3: Prom venue

Issue raised: Has there been a change in the prom venue?

Response

Yes. There has been a mutual agreement that the prom venue will change from Bromley to a Greenwich University. This is because it is much easier for people to commute to and the catering options were better than Bromley High Court. Overall, this was a decision made by the relevant staff members and this has been passed to the Prom Committee to discuss the proceedings from this.

Order 4: Student voice x Ambassador feedback

Issue raised: What was the meeting with Student Voice and Ambassador meeting about?

Response:

There were many things discussed in the meeting. However, those who were present at the meeting were not able to come to this Student Voice meeting. Despite this, I believe that the next meeting will have those who were present to feedback. Moreover, there is another meeting coming up, as a result, there will be more to say in the coming week

Order 5: Society progression

Issue raised: Has there been any societies set up?

Response:

There has been a muslim society set up and it has had success. There has been high turnout and I have reports of it going very well. I would like to encourage all people to speak to me or either Ms King to set up more societies that people are interested in, or that you see a gap in the market for.

Order 6: Potential for group projects

Issue raised: Will there be an opportunity for different branches to be set up and work together on a project

Response:

I am looking into the possibility of this. However, I support this completely. There have been instances in the past where the neurodivergence branch and the treasurer were able to team up and produce a fundraising event. If reps have any ideas of how to scale this up and do this bigger and across branches, I fully welcome the idea and believe that this should be more encouraged.

Order 7: Bathroom usage during lesson time

Issue raised: Students should be allowed to use the bathroom during lesson time

Response:

This has been a constant issue both in secondary school and sixth form. I back calls for students to use the bathroom during lesson time. Although, the main problem with this is the lesson time. Lessons are quite content heavy and so teachers do not want students to miss any minute of the lesson. That being said, I still believe that students should be able to use the bathroom during lessons. I will look for opportunities to speak to the relevant staff members about this issue.

Order 8: Canteen

Issue raised: Students should be able to use the canteen not as a study space but as a common room

Response:

This issue is very complicated and multi-faceted. This is because there are two sides to this. The first side is with the students who need to study during their study period. Therefore, they need their space to study in silence and focus on their work, as a result, there is a need for a silent study in the canteen. However, there is another in that sixth form do not have a common room which they can use it to converse and talk. Therefore, it makes sense to request the canteen to talk. This

trade off makes it difficult to accommodate for everyone. However, I encourage more discourse to be made regarding this so that both sides come to a conclusion

Supplementary issue: For those studying in the canteen, can there be laptops available?

Response:

I agree that there should be some laptops made available for those in the canteen who need it. Ms King is looking into getting a laptop trolley in canteen. If there are any more comments to be made on this issue, please raise it with me or Ms King.

AOB:

The Chair is going to Houses of Parliament, because he is a Member of Youth Parliament for the borough, to speak on Free School Meals debate on what should be the focus of the Bill. If anyone has any more questions on this, please ask him. Moreover, the Neurodiversity branch raised over £250 in the last fundraiser which is a complete success, and the Chair congratulates all efforts like this and welcomes more.

Conclusion:

In conclusion, the third student voice meeting of the 2023-24 season was very productive with vast amounts of topics discussed and solutions being put forward by each post holder and commitments being made. The chair encourages more students to come to student voice and express their concerns, whether they are a post holder, tutor rep, or neither.