



St Benedict's Pupil Council





The children are the best storytellers and who better to share what's happening in our schools than the people who are experiencing it first hand – our amazing kids! That is the power of student voice.

What is a Pupil Council?

- A **Pupil Council** is one way of giving **pupils** a say in the way the school is run.
- A **Pupil Council** gives **pupils** a **VOICE** in school matters.
- A **Pupil Council** gives **pupils** an opportunity to talk about feelings to each other and to our teachers.



Get Involved!

Pupil Council

- St Benedict's Pupil Council is made up of two pupils from each class who represent the views of all pupils and they work together to make St Benedict's an even better school.
- Pupil Council members meet to discuss many different aspects of school life and have a big say in how our school is run.



Class Representatives



- The Class Reps are regarded as ambassadors for our school and each pupil is provided with a badge to signify they are members of the Pupil Council.
- As high profile role models in the school. The student population look up to them and therefore aim to achieve high standards at all times

The Role of a Class Representative

- To go to Pupil Council meetings and share your ideas.
- To listen to other class rep's ideas.
- To let your class know what was talked about at the meeting
- To take the ideas and views of you classmates to the Pupil Council, to be their 'voice'.
- To be good role models- always showing good behaviour to others.



PUPIL COUNCIL

How do you become a class representative?

- Elections for the Pupil Council are held every year at the beginning of term.
- Electing the Pupil Council takes place during SE and assembly time.
- Each Registration class votes for TWO representatives to be put forward to then be elected as class representatives on the council.
- If there are more than two candidates in the class, each candidate will get a chance during SE to explain why they should be elected.
- Candidates who gain the highest and second highest number of votes will be elected as Class Representatives.

- The elections for pupil council are a good example of democracy; this means everyone in your class has the chance to be involved in deciding who will be the Class Rep's, as everyone has a vote.
- We use a ballot box and votes are then counted.
- Our elections run just like the General Election that decide who is in government to run the country.



Your S1-S3 Class Representatives

S1

- 1.1 – Emily Mackenzie Adams . Alex Maslanka**
- 1.2 – Joseph Durkin . Harmony Etinosa-Iroghiendo**
- 1.3 – Rhona Bos . Anya Brown**
- 1.4 – Sophie Quinn . Matthew Turner**
- 1.5 – Caleb Croall . Eilidh Fitzpatrick**

S2

- 2.1 – Alex Kerr . Fallon McElhinney**
- 2.2 – Amy Barr . Ellie Louise McQueen**
- 2.3 – David Amaeze . Niamh Evans**
- 2.4 – Aaron Burns . Ben Sheriden**
- 2.5 – Connor McWilliams . Joseph Stevenson Smith**

S3

- 3.1 – Zachary Adams . Sean Colligan**
- 3.2 – Hannah Dyer . Emma Easton**
- 3.3 – Marcus Kirwan . Ryan Gallagher**
- 3.4 – Grace Adams . Robyn Gray**
- 3.5 – Success Agbontaen . Connor Hampsey**

Your S4-S6 Class **Representatives**

S4

- 4.1 – Lennon Duffy . Finlay Smith**
- 4.2 – Erin Busby . Cole McIlroy**
- 4.3 – Katie Cavanagh . Lauren Murphy**
- 4.4 – Patrick McElhinney . Olivia McInnes**

S5

- 5.1 – Joel Cheshire . Patrick McNish**
- 5.2 – Yaelle Soraya-Dagnogo . Shallom Afolobi**
- 5.3 – James Cowan . James Wheeler**
- 5.4 – Moses Amaeze . Jane Kelly**

S6

- 6.1 – Oliver Turley . Niamh Grady**
- 6.2 – Mia Green . Alyssa Murray**
- 6.3 – Callum McDonald . Cian Thomson**

When do we meet?

- Pupil Council meetings take place throughout the year and dates for the meeting are entered into the school calendar. They are normally in the learning hub.
- The Pupil Council display board in the street area and the school website give you information about what the Pupil Council have been working on.



What we've done so far.....

We would like a Pupil Council booklet that outlines what the Pupil Council involves, when the meetings are and who is in the year group Pupil Councils and the Grand Council.


A Pupil Council booklet will be collated and given to all members.

The House Points are very confusing, and we don't know how to gain more for our house.

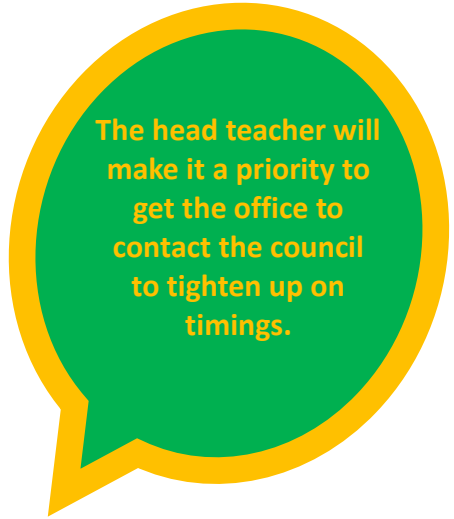
House Points have now been simplified and are displayed on posters around the school on how to gain more for your house.

Pupils would like to see more bins to help with the litter on the path to Morrisons.


Black bin bags will be provided on the pathway and S6 prefects will be in charge of collecting the bags prior to the end of the day.




Some buses are arriving to school as the bell rings and there is little time to access lockers.




The head teacher will make it a priority to get the office to contact the council to tighten up on timings.




It would be good if pupils had the opportunity to feedback on the previous year's activities days to be able to shape the programme for next year.



Evaluations of activities days will be handed out during SE.



Phones should be used as part of a learning opportunity in classes.



Phones can be used in class for learning under teacher instruction. Signs have been made for classroom doors to be presented when doing so.

Grand Pupil Council

- The Grand Pupil Council meeting is when the year representatives from each year group across the school come together to discuss issues.
- Each year group has two representatives who attend the Grand Pupil Council meetings.
- Issues discussed by the Grand Pupil Council originate from the class representatives and are shared in the Year Group Pupil Council meetings before being taken to the Grand Pupil Council.
- The Head Teacher will attend each of the meetings and the minutes of the meeting will be discussed at an SMT meeting.

Grand Pupil Council Meetings

These take place after school on the Wednesday after all the pupil councils have taken place.

The following year representatives will be in attendance:

- S1 - Rhona Bos
Harmony Etinosa-Iroghiendo**
- S2 - David Amaeze
Niamh Evans**
- S3 - Zachary Adams
Sean Colligan**
- S4 - Katie Cavanagh
Olivia McInnes**
- S5 - Shallom Afolobi
Moses Amaeze**
- S6 - Cian Thomson
Oliver Turley (Head Boy)
Louise Parsons (Head Girl)**

**I am not a member of the Pupil Council,
How are my views and ideas listened to?**

If you have a great idea or something you want to discuss, please speak to your Class Rep. Your Class Reps are the link between the class and the Pupil Council. You can also use the suggestion box in the street area or in the library, your Class Rep will then share these at the next Pupil Council meeting so that everyone's views are considered.



Would you like to know more about the Pupil Council?

You can speak to:

Mrs Sutherland

Mrs Dewar

Mr Taylor

Or

Your Class or Year Reps



St Benedict's Needs YOU....



**Help Improve
Your School!!!**

Dates For Your Diary

Wednesday 8th March

3pm – Grand Pupil Council Meeting

Monday 20th March

Period 1 – S4 Pupil Council Meeting

Wednesday 22nd March

Period 3 – S1 Pupil Council Meeting

Period 4 – S2 Pupil Council Meeting

Thursday 23rd March

Period 5 – S5/6 Pupil Council Meeting

Friday 24th March

Period 5 – S3 Pupil Council Meeting

Wednesday 29th March

3pm – Grand Pupil Council Meeting

