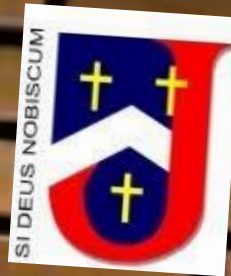


ST JOSEPH'S RC HIGH SCHOOL



SENEDD



UN Children's Charter
No. 12

VIRTUES
GENEROUS AND
GRATEFUL



LET US PRAY...

God, the source of every good gift, You have called us together as servants to do Your will. Grant us the light of Your Spirit To guide us in our responsibilities as a School Council. May we work together in harmony for the common good. May we listen to one another in a spirit of genuine respect. Amen.
St Joseph...Pray for us



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What is a School Senedd?

A school Senedd is a formal group of pupils within a school who are elected by their peers to represent them and their views.

Why have a school Senedd?

Article 12 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) says that children and young people should have a say in decisions that affect their lives. A school council can provide a meaningful way in which pupils can voice their opinions and have their views taken into account in decisions which impact upon them. A school council that is supported and nurtured helps to improve many aspects of school life.



Why have a school Senedd?



- It is an important and useful way for schools to provide leadership and development opportunities for pupils.
- A school Senedd provides young people with opportunities to participate in school and society.
- School Senedd is an excellent way in which to increase participation, teaching young people about democracy, local and global citizenship and accountability.

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- There are lots of reasons to have a school Senedd. To begin with, Article 12 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) says that children and young people should have a say in decisions that affect their lives.
- A school Senedd can provide a meaningful way in which pupils can voice their opinions and have their views taken into account in decisions that impact upon them. Evidence and experience from schools all over the country shows that a school council that is supported and nurtured helps to improve many aspects of school life. It's an important and useful way for schools to provide leadership and development opportunities for their pupils.
- Student Senedd is a great way for students to **take on leadership roles, promote the voice of the student body, problem solve and impact their community.** A council serves as the voice for an entire student body and actively works with teachers and advisors to promote a better learning environment.



What makes a school Senedd successful?

These are some things that make a school Senedd effective:

- ✓ Regular meetings.
- ✓ A Senedd that is not too big.
- ✓ Good communication between representatives and their forms.
- ✓ Training for school Senedd members.
- ✓ Smaller groups (subcommittees) working on specific events or issues.
- ✓ Termly evaluations.



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4 x Year leaders
from every year
group = 28 pupils.

2 x Form leaders from every form
class will represent the views of
their form = 100 pupils.

- Everyone will be involved in the School council:
- Regular opportunity to give feedback in form class.
 - Suggestion box in reception = 1500 pupils.

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How can you get involved?

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STEP 1

2

STEP 2

3

STEP 3



Step 1

- ❑ Everyone will be involved in the SJHS School council!
- ❑ Your views on the school will be taken:
- ❑ during registration in regular collection of feedback





Step 2

- ☐ Run for election as a form leader.
- ☐ Two leaders will be elected per form. Voted by the form class.
- ☐ If you are a form leader, it is expected you will run to be a year leader.

Step 3

- ☐ Run for election as a year leader.
- ☐ Year leaders must be form leaders to run for election.
- ☐ Four pupils will be chosen per year group.
- ☐ Year leaders will be voted for by the entire year group.

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL COUNCIL

Step 3

SJHS Council	
Year 7	4 pupils
Year 8	4 pupils
Year 9	4 pupils
Year 10	4 pupils
Year 11	4 pupils
Year 12 & 13	8 pupils
TOTAL	28 pupils

Step 3

- ✓ All year leaders will make up the Senedd (28 in total).
- ✓ The Senedd will meet once a term to discuss current issues and feedback.

NEXT STEPS

- ✓ Think about how much you would like to get involved. If you would like to run as a form rep please tell your tutor by Thursday 24th September.
- ✓ Form leader elections will be running between 20th September- 1st October.
- ✓ Year leader applications due to your HOY by 8th October
- ✓ Interviews with HOY and Mrs Hanford 12th October- 16th October.