# 'Having a voice means having a choice'

# OUR SCHOOL, OUR COMMUNITY, OUR WALES

#### YOUR SCHOOL COUNCIL

- Thank you for voting in our recent elections.
- All your votes counted, we now have passionate, determined and motivated pupils who are keen to represent you and your ideas.
- They are your voice and ears so please use them when you want something heard.
- Do you have suggestions on how to improve our school?
- Do you feel we should be focusing on particular areas?
- Are there things that need improving or changing?



## YOUR RIGHTS

- Make sure you communicate your thoughts through your year reps.
- They will listen to you and take your opinions to meetings which are held twice every half term.
- Your School Council will work on issues on your behalf

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#### YOUNG PEOPLE'S RIGHTS

- Please make sure you exercise your right to be heard by talking with your year rep.
- Please don't just complain, be an active person who is willing to think about how they can make a difference.

## • <u>https://vimeo.com/142124812</u>



#### RIGHT WORDS, WRONG ORDER

• So what are you are happy with in terms of your school and education?

Discuss with your partner what makes you happy about St Joseph's.

 What aspects of school or your education would you like to change or set as a focus for your year reps and School Council?

Discuss with your friends and make a list of things we can do to improve.

Give this to your form tutor and they will make sure this gets to your year reps. • https://vimeo.com/142124811



#### WALES

- The opportunities we give you at school will eventually impact on your qualifications and future life chances.
- You only get one go at high school so how can we make it a brilliant experience and help you become a fantastic citizen who is well qualified and highly employable?

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## School Council

#### Things that you might want

- Teaching not disrupted by poor behaviour
- Reduce the amount of stress
- Coping with stress and anxiety
- Revision help
- Better rewards system
- Pupil mentors

#### **Ideas already being discussed**

- Mental health
- Counselling
- Teaching and Learning
- Behaviour for Learning policy
- Advice about careers
- Key Stage transition

## YOUR FUTURE

• Is The School Council looking at the right areas?

- If the answer is 'No' then please tell us what you want us to work on
  - We are here for you so please talk to us so we can get it right
- Let's get as many ideas and opinions as we can from each form that your year reps can bring to our next meeting.