



Senate Update

We were delighted to welcome the Mayor and Lady Mayoress to our most recent meeting. They thoroughly enjoyed the discussions we had and have invited us to hold our next meeting in the Civic Hall.



As usual we had a packed agenda and discussed a wide range of issues brought forward by each Year Council group. The item raised by most years was the slower queue for pre-order collections in the Hall due to the newly introduced, more secure collection system. Staff members from the catering team were in attendance and were able to propose a solution which was detailed in last week's Bulletin.

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They will monitor the queues to see if this solves the problem. We also received a prompt response to a question about water fountains. Site Services updated us on where newly purchased water fountains will be, with additional fountains planned for the new build. This should help encourage more students to refill bottles and reduce plastic waste. We were also shown the plans for the new unisex toilet and refurbished girls' toilets that will be part of the new build and also the plans for a refurbishment of the main boys' toilet. In the meantime, please report any faults with the toilets to a member of staff so that repairs can be done promptly.

Members of the Eco-school committee gave us a detailed update on their Energy Project. Students have carried out a detailed survey of appliances and lights left on after school and have interviewed both Site Services and Network Services) about ways of reducing our energy use further. Assemblies and the Bulletin will be used to share ideas on how all of us can take steps to reduce energy use in school and at home.



Mrs Hinkins is always keen to gain student views on the Big Picture Programme. Senate members shared their suggestions for further improvements for Big Picture lessons. The suggestions made included: a greater variety of activities, more use of 'making learning stick' strategies and less reliance on information on PowerPoints. Mrs Hinkins will use the feedback in her work with tutors who deliver the programme.

In addition, we discussed the addition of hooks on the Astro to store bags and coats off the ground and ways of ensuring that cover lessons are as productive as possible. Our final Senate meeting will take place on 27th April 2020. As always, please pass on your suggestions or concerns to your class representative ready for the next Year Council meetings which will be on the week beginning 30th March.

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