#### **School Council / Ministries updates June 2024:**



## You said...we did...

#### **Our Ministries' Team Members**



Curriculum - Mr Ryan & Mrs Hanford

Members: Frasier Thomas, Keisha Ortega, Jasmine Gibson, Marcel Ruszi, Sunny Javed

Chairperson: Sunny Javed Secretary: Keisha Ortega



Wellbeing - Mrs Burke

Members: James Porter, Reuben Roy, Joe Thomas, Mya Connors, Maria Gladwin-Rubio, Madi Paul, Leo Dare, Yosef Lejalem

Chairperson: James Porter

Secretary: Leo Dare



Community - Mr Nunn

Members: Madeline Burgoyne-Hayden, Hannah Mareverwa, Florence Febin, Emme Jones, Tabitha Fomba, Maksims Grisins, Tennessee Cruz

Chairperson: Madeline Burgoyne-Hayden Secretary: Emme Jones & Tabitha Fomba



Cymraeg - Mrs Morgan

Members: Lacey Waite, Tennessee Cruz, Christian Linganay, Jamimah Mitchell, Zacc Hobbs, Edwin Thomas, Conor McDonnell

Chairperson: Tennessee Cruz

Secretary: Lacey Waite



### 23-24 Ministry for Curriculum Progress

★ Developing the role of student voice in the school.

The ministry has provided feedback to numerous departments on their new learning plans, (Music, PSHE, Science, Computer Science), and given suggestions on new content or changes to make. This has included a study of rap music in Expressive Arts, and on the development of mental health approaches in PSHE.

★ Exploring ways a curriculum is designed.

The ministry is working on producing materials for PSHE to explain to the student body how the new curriculum has been created, and the opportunities other pupils have to shape the content of their learning.

★ Analysing approaches to questioning and modelling in the classroom.

The ministry are working with Mrs Hanford to analyse approaches to questioning and modelling in the classroom.



### 23-24 Ministry for Curriculum Progress

★ Developing an app to support student study skills

The Ministry is exploring the possibility of building/designing a study skills app, which will support pupils in their organisation of work, and awareness of different revision approaches.



### 23-24 Ministry for Wellbeing Progress

★ Promoting good mental health for both staff and pupils.

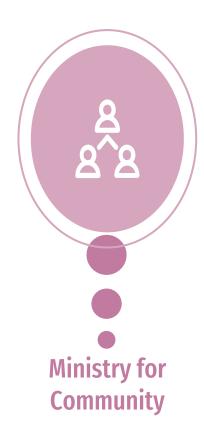
The ministry are exploring ways in which to better advertise the support already available for both staff and pupils. The ministry are also restarting the wellbeing ambassador programme.

★ Ensuring that pupils feel physically safe around the school.

The ministry will be completing a series of pupil voice activities to identify areas where pupils may feel physically unsafe.

★ Promoting good physical health by utilising the outdoor space and facilities.

The ministry will be meeting with the Head of Department for Physical Education regarding promoting good physical health by utilising the outdoor space and facilities. The ministry will also be looking to better advertise the lunch and afterschool clubs already available to pupils.



### 23-24 Ministry for Community Focus

★ Ensuring all staff and pupils know how to tackle bullying, racism, sexism and all forms of discrimination.

We are now a member of DARPL for Diversity and Anti-Racist practice and we are designing banner 2 to tackle all forms of discrimination.

★ Celebrating our local, national and international and multi-cultural context.

We have celebrated, Polish, Windrush and Irish culture. We hope to have a Filipino celebration before the end of term. The key area for change is in our everyday curriculum and lessons!

★ Collaborating with outside agencies to make a difference in school and outside of it. Specific <u>environmental focus.</u>

We have now built a strong relationship with Gwent Wildlife Trust thanks to Aidan Dempsey in Year 12. We have litter picked, erected bird boxes, completed a bio blitz and helped a campaign to save the Gwent levels.



### 23-24 Gweinidogaeth dros y Gymraeg Focus

★ Helping us to achieve the Bronze Campus Cymraeg Award for the Welsh language at St Joseph's RC High School.

The ministry will meet with the Head of Department for Welsh to discuss working towards the Bronze Campus Cymraeg Award.

★ Help pupils and staff to see the benefit of learning Welsh and the opportunities available.

The ministry is exploring setting up a Duolingo league table to encourage pupils and staff to learn Welsh.

★ Ensuring that pupils have the opportunity to learn about Wales, our culture, heritage and language across the Curriculum.

The ministry will be working the ministry of curriculum to explore further ways in which pupils can learn about Wales, Welsh culture, heritage and language across the Curriculum.

- ★ A gymnastics club after school A gymnastics club is currently being run for pupils who compete outside of school. The PE department are looking to expand the club in the summer term.
- ★ Badminton club after school A badminton club has now been formed. The badminton club meets most Wednesdays between 15:20 - 16:20.
- ★ A little room or area that students
   can go to calm down and take a break
   The School Council will speak to the Senior Leadership Team

- \* Nominated wellbeing students
  - The Ministry for Wellbeing will train more Wellbeing Ambassadors and begin a 'train the trainer' initiative.
- ★ Be aware and celebrate the other identities in our school
  - The Ministry for Community has already held celebration events, e.g., Polish week and Windrush week. Further plans are ahead!
- ★ Celebrating cultural diversity
  - The Ministry for Community will continue to promote new ways to be aware of and celebrate other identities in our school.

- ★ Do more on society and community

  The Ministry for Community will complete a survey with the student body to identify what 'stuff' they would like done regarding society and community.
- ★ Easier ways to get mental health support within school
  The Ministry for Wellbeing will establish a network of Wellbeing
  Ambassadors and signpost mental health support within the school clearly.
- ★ Educating on Black History Month
  The Ministry for Community and The Ministry for Curriculum will work collaboratively to look for effective ways to provide further education during Black History Month and all across the school year.

- ★ Fix the hand dryers in the boys bathroom Repairs to the hand dryers will be completed shortly.
- **★** Offer volunteering expeditions to help students with work experience
  - The School Council will endeavour to foster links with local business and employers to provide more opportunities for volunteering and work experience.
- ★ Wifi in the Sixth Form area
  Wifi should be available in the Sixth Form area shortly.



The School Council are here to represent you. If you have anything you would like the school council to discuss, priorities you would like to put forward, or you'd like to work with the school council.

Please let your form or year leader know or use the QR code above.

