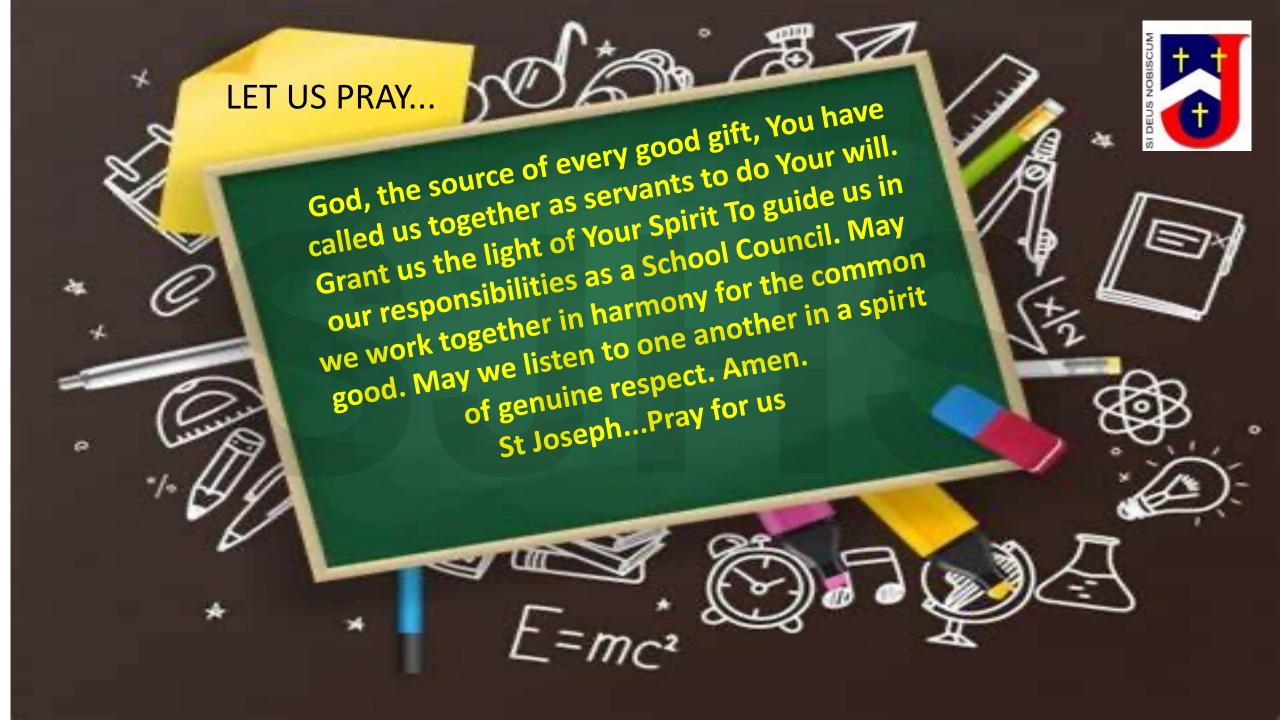
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UN Children's Charter No. 12 VIRTUES GENEROUS AND GRATEFUL

Be generous, kind, reasonable, forgiving, loving, big-hearted and most of all Guateful for each blessing in life.



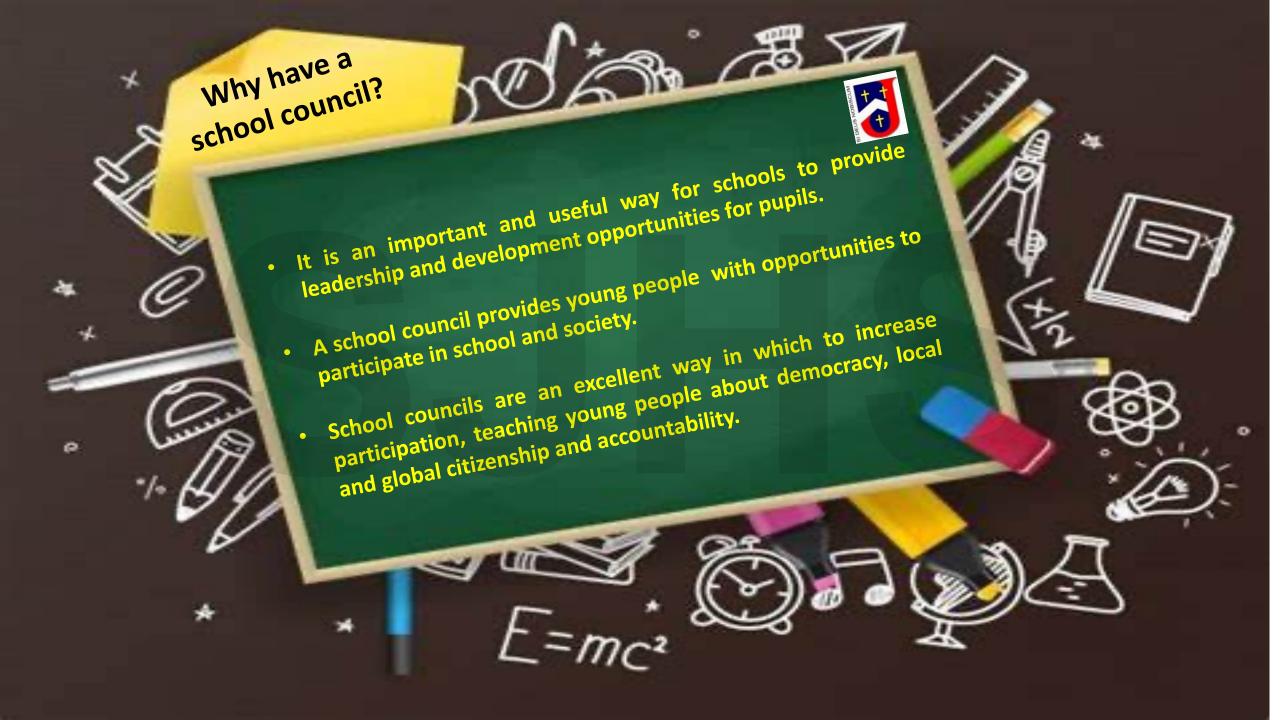


What is a school council?

A school council 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 council?

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.



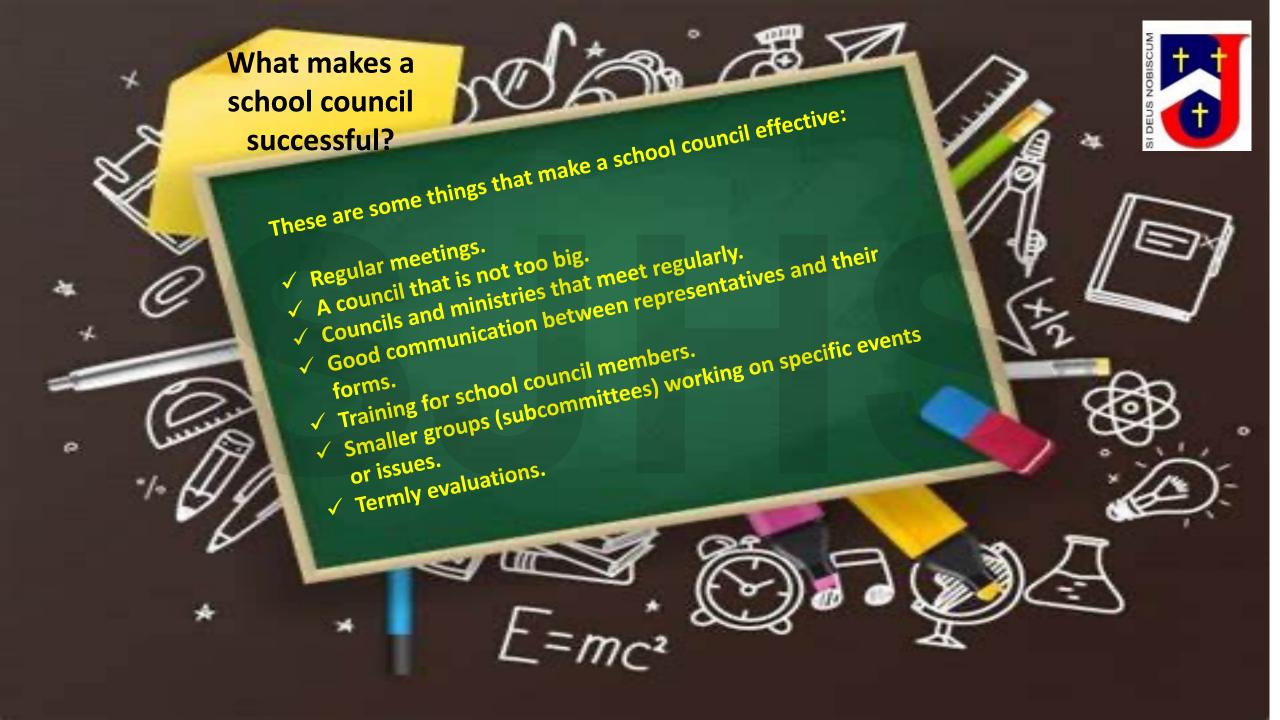
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 A school council can provide a meaningful way in which pupils can voice their opinions and have their views taken into account in decisions that impact upon them. Evidence and experience from schools all over the country shows that a school council 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 councils are 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.

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WHAT ARE THE FOUR MINISTRIES?

Link – Mr Ryan & Mrs Hanford

Ministry for Curriculum:

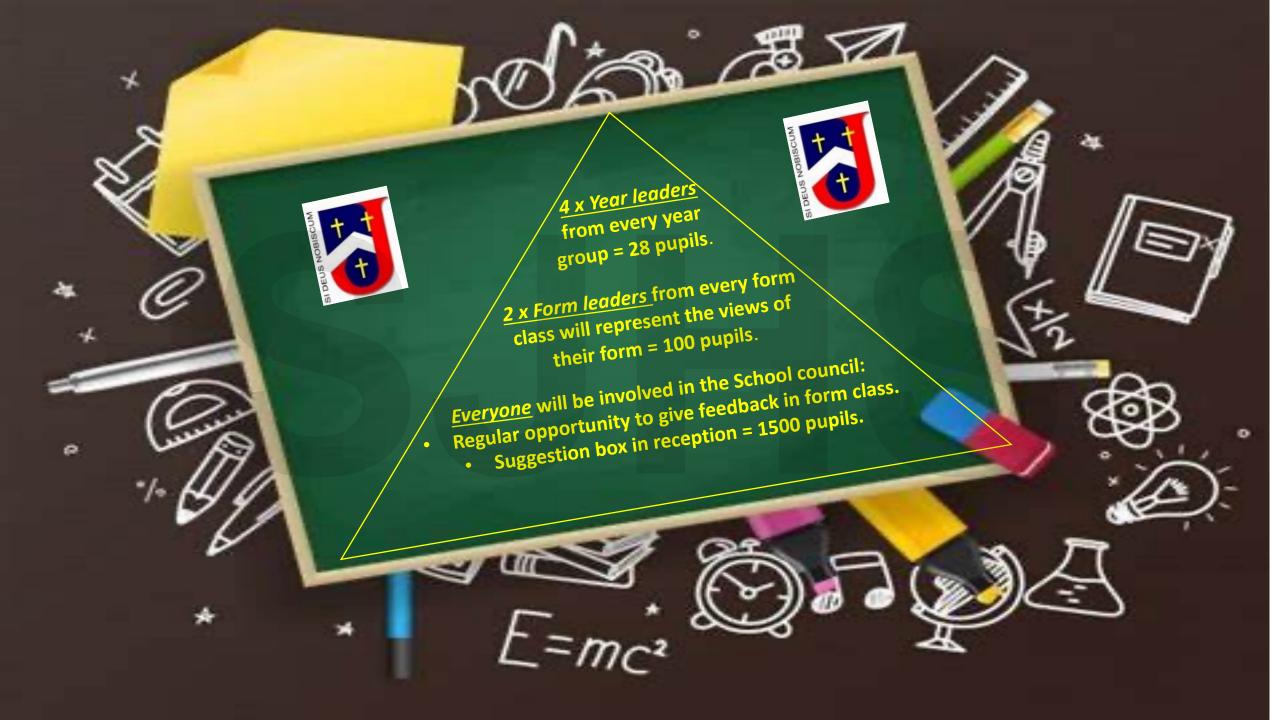
Ministry for Wellbeing:

Ministry for Community:

Link – Mr Nunn

Link – Mrs Burke

Gweinidogaeth i'r Gymraeg: Link – Mrs Morgan Each ministry has one year leader from each year group: 28 members in total





SO WHAT ARE THE PRIORITIES THE STUDENT BODY WILL VOTE ON?

Ministry for Curriculum – Gweinidogaeth y Cwricwlwm

- Consulting on the topics covered in the new curriculum
- Developing the role of student voice in the school
- Exploring different approaches to feedback in work
- Analysing approaches to questioning and modelling in the
 - classroom
- Exploring ways, a curriculum is designed

Ministry for Wellbeing – Gweinidogaeth er Lles

- Promoting good mental health for both staff and pupils Promoting good physical health by utilising outdoor space and
- Ensuring that pupils feel physically safe around the school facilities
- Develop clubs during break and lunchtimes to help ensure
- pupils feel a sense of belonging To establish a wellbeing ambassador programme working with

 - outside agencies

Ministry for Community – Gweinidogaeth dros y Gymuned

- Ensuring all staff and pupils know how to tackle bullying, racism, sexism and all forms of discrimination Celebrating our local, national and international and multi-cultural context Retaining our ECO school status with an active environmental plan and
 - Retaining our ECO school and compare the needs of learners campaign Developing the extra-curricular programme to help meet the needs of learners
 - at lunchtime and after school Collaborating with outside agencies to make a difference in school and outside
 - of it.

Ministry for the Welsh Language Gweinidogaeth dros y Gymraeg





Ensuring that Welsh is a presence and is seen around the school, e.g., signs and displays Helping staff and pupils to use their Welsh language skills around the school and not just in Welsh lessons Help pupils and staff to see the benefit of learning Welsh and the opportunities

available Ensuring that pupils have the opportunity to learn about Wales, our culture, heritage and language across the Curriculum Helping us to achieve the Bronze Campus Cymraeg Award for the Welsh language at St. Joseph's RC High School

How can you get involved? STEP 1 STEP 2 STEP 3



Everyone will be involved in the SJHS School council!

SUGGESTION BOX

Your views on the school will be taken:



during registration in regular collection of feedback suggestion box in reception.

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other highlighting and



Run for election as a form leader.

<u>Two</u> 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.

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Four pupils will be chosen per year group.
Year leaders will be voted for by the entire year group.
Year leaders will be attached to a ministry and form the council.

Year leaders must be form leaders to run for election.

Run for election as a year leader.







Each year leader will be linked to one of the four ministries to discuss the issues in that area.

Step 3

SJHS School Council

7 councillors for each ministry

Every ministry will meet with their link once a half term and as a whole school council once a term.

 Ministry for Curriculum: Link – Mr Ryan & Mrs Hanford
Ministry for Wellbeing: Link – Mrs Burke

Ministry for Community: Link – Mr Nunn
Ministry for Gweinidogaeth i'r Gymraeg:Link – Mr T Nunr

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

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✓ All year leaders will make up the Council (28 in total).
✓ The Council will collect all the information from the different ministries and then influence school policies.
✓ The Council will meet once a term to discuss current issues and feedback.

 \checkmark There will be a School Council training day for the members of the Council.

Think about how much you would like to get involved. If you would like to run as a form rep please tell your tutor.

✓ Form leader elections will be running between 18th-22nd September.

✓ Year leader applications due to Mr Seghiri on 29th September.

✓ Year leader presentations and elections will be running from 2nd October.

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