

Spalding High School Council 2015

Giving the School community a voice

New structure

Form Time

- Manifestos written
- Voting for Form Reps (secret ballot)



Form Rep Training

- Friday 11th September (study period)



Assemblies

- Hustings
- Year Rep voting



Form Meetings

- Issues discussed
- Notes taken by Form Reps



Year Meetings

- 1 Rep from each form to attend relevant year meetings
- 1 issue agreed to take to the Whole School Council meeting



Whole School Council meeting

- 7 year Reps (as voted by pupils through hustings)
 - Chairperson elected
- Reps elected to present ideas to SLT



Ideas to SLT



Ideas to Governors



Feedback to Reps by Mrs Anderson



Feedback to forms



Action!!!!

Link teacher: Mrs L Ray

Main Changes

- The election process – manifestos in form time & a secret ballot to vote for form reps & hustings in assembly to vote for year reps
- New notice board (outside the school hall)
- New logo (competition to be held)
- Revised & improved training for form reps
- Whole School Council meetings now x6 per year
- Links with the school council from Sir John Gleed School & Spalding Grammar School (to discuss issues relevant to all pupils in Spalding)

Role of a School Council Rep

1. To listen & collect the views of the people you represent
2. To be the voice of students to staff, governors & other adults
3. Organise yourself & other students to take action.

Some skills & qualities needed by a School Council Rep

- Confidence
- Responsibility
- Good listener
- Team work
- Reliability
- Thoughtfulness
- Independence
- Fairness
- Organisation
- Sensibility
- Respect
- Motivator

School Council Activities

- Advise SLT & Governors on issues affecting pupils
- Take on leading organisational roles for agreed activities
- Up-date the School Council noticeboard
- Be involved in the school's appointment process for new staff
- Contribute to the development of the vision & ethos of the school
- Be involved in designing, undertaking & analysing audits of many aspects of school life.

Election Vocabulary

- × **Candidate** : person standing for election
- × **Secret ballot** : a vote (ballot) where no one knows who voted for who
- × **Manifesto** : the promise you make before you are elected (you have to keep them if you are!)
- × **Hustings** : campaigning to get elected (especially giving speeches)
- × **Returning Officer** : the person who counts the votes and announces the winner