

## Pupil Voice Forums

### **Staff involved: Pupil voice is overseen by the Second Master**

Listening to pupils plays an important part in how we inform the development of the school. As well as the important informal conversations between pupils and staff, there are a number of formal mechanisms through which pupils can express their views and report on their experience. These include:

**Pupil Consultations** (formerly House Consultations), which are held once a term, usually in the first half of term. The findings of these consultations, together with recommendations or follow-up actions are posted on house noticeboards.

**Food Committee (whole school and house-based).** Each house has its own food committee, with representatives from each year group. Each house sends one or two representatives to the Whole School Food Committee, which meets once a term under the chairmanship of the Second Master. All meetings are attended by the Head of Catering and the Chief Operating Officer.

**Pulse Surveys** are a recent initiative which has focused on such matters as the school's response to Black Lives Matter and seeks to ascertain the reality of the pupil experience when measured against the school's ethos.

**Group** creates safe spaces for around 12 pupils within Junior Part and Middle Part to explore such areas as the appropriate sharing of feelings, mindsets, and building positive relationships.

**PSHEE Council** is self-selecting and open to anyone. It is made up of pupils across the school. There is a balance of ages, houses and backgrounds and an encouragement to reach out to those of different views and engaging in dialogue. The council meets once a half-term, and there is a broad agenda.

The **Pupil Council** is an advisory body, not an executive one. Its principal aims are:

1. Democratically electing pupil representatives
2. Acting as a conduit for pupil voice
3. Constructively discussing key issues of concern to the pupil body so that these may be brought to the attention of the school's senior leadership team
4. Disseminating the outcomes of Pupil Council meetings to the pupil body

The Council consists of 10 pupils (2 from each year group, elected by their year group across the school) together with 5 prefects rotated from the Aulæ Prae;, Sen: Co: Prae;, and Senior Prefect body. Meetings are chaired by the Second Master. Other members of staff may attend from time to time on an ad hoc basis. Minutes are taken and distributed by pupils.

**Quelle**, a satirical magazine is authored and produced by pupils once a term. It is monitored with a light touch by the Second Master and by the don in charge.