



Stockton Sixth Form College Constitution of the Student Council

Aims of the Student Council

- To promote the welfare of students
- To encourage student participation in all aspects of college life e.g. enrichment, charity events, community involvement
- To provide a channel through which the views of students can be expressed, and discussed with Senior Management
- To play a key role as ambassadors for the college e.g. at Open Evenings, Introductory Days etc., guiding visitors to college etc.
- To oppose discrimination and promote equal opportunities
- To promote active citizenship.

Review

The constitution is subject to the review of the Corporation.

The Meetings Schedule

Student representatives will meet formally with SMT every half term. Time will be allocated in the week prior to this meeting during tutorial for students to raise any issues which they want brought to the attention of management. Issues on which management seek student views will also be raised during tutorial. The Student Representative will be expected to represent these views and to report back to their tutor group in the week after the formal meeting.

The meeting schedule will be displayed in the Tutor base and minutes of the Student Council will also be based in the Tutor Rooms.

There may be sub meetings for committees set up by the Student Council. These will be overseen by a member of staff. Student Council members may also be invited to participate in college working parties to represent the views of students.

Membership

Each tutor group will elect a representative – in the event of more than one volunteer per tutor group then each person must give a short account or presentation explaining why they want to be a representative and the tutor will organise a vote using voting slips. The tutor will count the votes and announce the winner. This should not be done with a show of hands.

It is desirable that the Student Council be representative of the student body. If tutor group elections do not produce a representative group then tutors may nominate individuals, from underrepresented groups, who they think will make an effective contribution.

Election of Student Vice President

The Student Vice President will be elected by the full student body. This will take place following completion of the January mock exams. Those wishing to stand must produce a manifesto and a short PowerPoint presentation to be shown to all tutor groups. This should outline their aims for the period they will be in office and why they would be an asset to both the college and the student body. They can also launch a campaign and produce posters supporting their candidacy and lobby students for their support. If only one candidate stands they will be elected unopposed.

All election material must be approved by the Assistant Principal, Student Support and be displayed in approved areas.

The Assistant Principal will organise the election. On the day of the election there should be no further lobbying and the candidates must not stand by the voting station.

The President

In the second year the Vice President becomes the President of the Student Council. It will be their role to chair meetings of the Student Council, and to ensure that any agreed actions are followed up. It is also expected that they will play a prominent role as student ambassador for the college.

Student Council and the Corporation

The President will attend meetings of the Corporation with full voting rights. The Vice President is elected as a student observer and will attend meetings of the Corporation in a non-voting capacity.