James Gillespie's High School Parent Council

Tuesday 28 November 2023, 7-8 pm Online via MS Teams

Introduction

- Apologies for any technical issues we may have our parent producers will do their best to rectify any problems as soon as possible
- Live captions are available in English, Polish, Ukrainian, Italian, Urdu, and Chinese, via the settings button
- The meeting is being recorded and will be posted on YouTube
- Please submit questions via the Q&A panel upvote any questions you are particularly interested in
- Meeting will last about an hour the Q&A board will close shortly before the end



Agenda

- Parent Council report, including update on office bearers, and finance report
- Presentation by Rob Cockcroft, Head of Support for Learning
- Headteacher's report from Neil McCallum
- Open Q&A from meeting attendees



Parent Council Office Bearers 2023-24

- Acting Vice-Chair Liz Hilton
- Treasurer Kirstin Leighton
- Acting Co-Secretary Padraic Kinsella
- Acting Co-Secretary Christiane Kerlen
- Refreshments Aileen Nimmo
- Acting Comms Officer Kate Pinault
- Acting Chair Hilary Snaith





JGHS Parent Council activities

- Meeting on 6 November for members of the Parent Council
 - Identified volunteers to take on offices of the PC
 - Discussed issues to raise with the School, some of which will be addressed by the Headteacher tonight
- Attended NE/SE Locality meetings with CEC; and the working group on Integrated Impact Assessment on school overseas excursions
- CEC are continuing to review applications for excursions
 - Consideration of equity of access and environmental impact
 - New guidance expected before the end of this year



JGHS Parent Council activities

- There has been no progress with capacity issue at JGHS the Parent Council has contacted the CEC for further information
- Fundraising for the Small Sums Fund
 - Refreshment stalls for S1 parent's evenings and other events many thanks to Aileen and her team
 - Preparing the campaign for this years' Festive Fundraiser in support of the Small Sums Fund please look out for further info!
 - If you are shopping online this festive season, please consider going via the Easyfundraising website



JGHS Parent Council finances

Many thanks to Kirstin Leighton, PC Treasurer:

 JGHS PC balance as of 25 November 	er 2023:	£294.57
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Main transactions

•	Donations	£112.49
•	Sumup payments	£21.63
•	Easyfundraising	£64.23
•	Payment to school	f2729 1

Next meetings Parent Council

- Wednesday 31 January 2024 (in person)
- Tuesday 19 March 2024 (online)
- Wednesday 29 May or 5 June 2024 (in person) to be confirmed



More information

- More detail about Parent Council activities, news and reports are on our website:
 - http://www.jghsparentcouncil.org

- Contact us by email:
 - jghscouncilcomms@gmail.com



Teams housekeeping



- Session will be recorded and the link shared
- Please add your questions to the chat box, or raise a hand to ask in person
- Please keep cameras and microphones off unless asking a question