



# Student Affairs Committee NEWSLETTER

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## What a Year!!

As we come towards the end of our final term this academic year, we are going to celebrate the work that has been completed by the SAC this year. Lots of this work has already been mentioned in our past editions but we have some important steps we will look to introduce for the next academic year.

It has been an extremely busy year for the SAC with lots of meetings being held both with Mr Charlton, Ms Webster and various other members of staff to gain a student perspective on several areas of school life.

All of our SAC members have conducted themselves impeccably and it has been a real pleasure to witness all of the committee develop into fantastic ambassadors for the school, with proof of this published in this newsletter in regards to our recent Y11 Gold Tie Appointments.

Mr Charlton would like to place on record his thanks for all of the committee's hard work this year in making this the best committee it possibly can be. Here's to starting strong in September 2023, it promises to be a fantastic year ahead!!

## Notable Moments this year

As mentioned in our other editions of this newsletter, it has been an action packed year with lots of important meetings and events.

Below is a list of some of those events that will be looked at in further detail in this edition;

- Year 7 Interviews with over 50 applications!!
- Assisting with Sharples Open Mornings.
- Visit and interview of the Labour Party Leader, Sir Keir Starmer for BBC's Newsround.
- Visit of Bolton Youth Voice to complete a leadership workshop.
- Meeting with the School Caterers, Mellors, on several occasions.
- Exclusive access to the plans for the new changing rooms in PE which will be ready by September.

Several of our current Y10 members have taken their commitment and determination to the next level by joining the Bolton Youth Council. We are extremely proud of the following students that have taken this additional step to develop themselves;

- Joe W
- Amirah A
- Khadijah P

We anticipate that these students won't be the last students to get involved with Bolton Youth Council but we are extremely proud that they have taken this next step off the back of our workshop this year!

**Photos with more details are included on page 3 of this newsletter.**

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# Y11 Gold Ties / Student Leadership Team



**We are extremely proud of our SAC members that have been newly elected as Gold Ties and Student Leadership Team. From Left To Right- Rayhan, Joe, Amirah, Khadijah & Cherie.**

**It is a real honour that the Deputy Head Boy (Rayhan) & Deputy Head Girl (Cherie) as well as Head Boy (Joe) & Head Girl (Amirah) have all been part of the SAC.**





## Most Recent Meeting Points

There were several fantastic points that were made by the SAC, some of these points included;

- The SAC mentioned the request of some students to have different coloured jumpers. Ms Webster responded by saying this is something we can pick up in September to allow more time for more detailed conversations to be had about this. There could be a colour palette brought in to use as a reference.
- The school busses have been changed to 3:15 next year due to the extension of the school day starting from September. The extra 10 mins will be included in Form Time & P1, more value will be added to form during this time.
- More information on the zones for next year will be shared shortly.
- Lanyards will continue next year with added importance, not only to buy lunch but also to access the toilet. This will be done to manage who accesses and to ensure that toilet passes are being used properly.
- Students also asked if it was possible to have a mini timetable printed for the back of their lanyard.

## Meeting with Mellors Caterers

Members of the SAC met with Mellors on several occasions this year with the most recent only a couple of weeks ago.

This most recent meeting was a very constructive one with lots of feedback given and Mellors beginning to introduce the following actions;

1. To have more of popular selling items like waffles, croissants, burgers etc- to prepare more and up the quantities.
2. More flavours of the frozen juice caplets.
3. Send menu, any changes to serving days, specials, promotions to Cath on the Friday latest for the next week so emails, comms could be sent to students.
4. In addition to the daily menus on counter to have tickets/ write on glass of specific items on counter as it is confusing to what items it is.
5. To have more of the popular choice of curries, Chinese dishes etc that was done as part of a special theme day to include in menu so that it can be more frequently served on the counters.
6. To inform any menu changes to Cath beforehand so as to avoid any confusion with pupils at the counters of what is on offer.
7. More halal choices
8. Different size pots- regular and large for students who want a larger portion.
9. Meal deal to reflect the choice on the day.
10. To introduce popcorn as a snack.
11. To introduce Radnor fizz.

# Y10 Bolton Youth Council

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My role as Chair of Bolton Youth Council means that every week me and the other chair will arrive earlier than everyone else and plan the structure of that night's events/topics. Then when everyone has arrived we will both run the meeting ourselves and go through the current agenda. We also will make sure that everyone stays on track in the meeting and manage the time properly as we usually have to go through a lot. Sometimes we will sort a debate with the facilitator in order to get everyone debating at some point in the night too and get everyone involved in discussion.

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**Joseph W - Y10 SAC Member & Bolton Youth Council Chair**



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As a member of the Youth Voice, the council gives me the opportunity to express ideas, I feel need to be addressed. It gives me a passion to get involved beyond my limits and I am utmost grateful for that! Each week, we focus on a different topic and provide feedback regarding the matter. Overall, we have a key subject we focus on making a change about every year. This way it is more structural and we can give fresh-minded input each week! This Council has encouraged me to step out of my comfort zone and strike new friendships. There are lots of hosted events and trips, which are usually for advertising a solution to a matter for the public or a reward for hard work! Within the Bolton Council, I have achieved the role of becoming an ambassador for the 'Respect Me' programme and have managed to attend meetings for this new programme, pushing it to be taught to schools across wider Bolton!

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**Khadijah P - Y10 SAC Member & Bolton Youth Council Member**



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My role within Bolton Youth Council is being one of the two GMYCA (Greater Manchester Youth Combined Authority) representatives. During the monthly meetings, I will represent Bolton in the hopes of giving young people from our town a voice in both the changes and the policies that are made. The GMYCA mainly focuses on young people's ideas regarding equality, the environment and health and wellbeing, amongst other topics. As I am incredibly passionate and full of ideas about these areas, I am grateful for the chance to share my thoughts.

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**Amirah A - Y10 SAC Member & GMYCA Representative for Bolton**



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# WELL DONE TO YOU ALL!



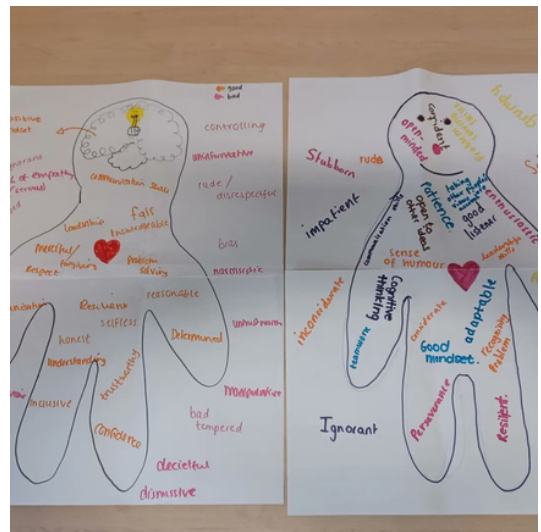
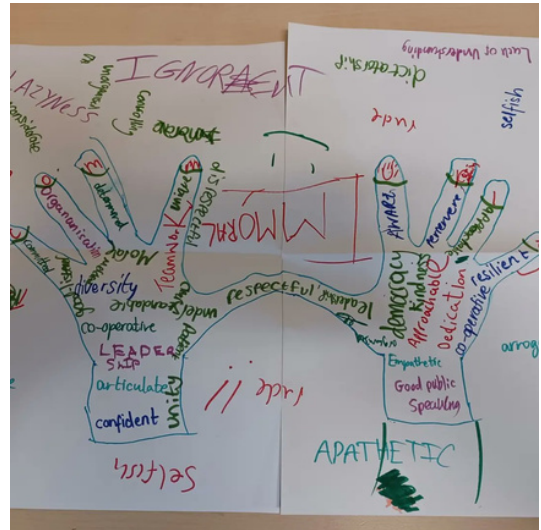
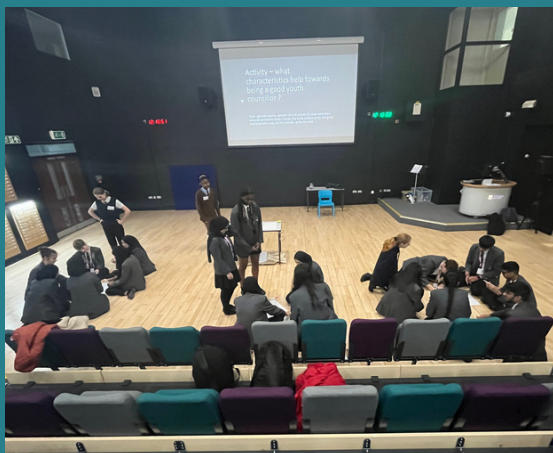
## Bolton Youth Voice Visit

Our first term also included a visit from the Bolton Youth Voice Council with workshops being given to SAC members in Y7 - Y11. It was a fantastic experience for our students to be involved in and experience first-hand what it is like to represent Bolton. We were involved with x2 students from Rivington & Blackrod and x1 student from Thornleigh, with all visitors presenting excellently.

SAC members were asked what qualities and characteristics they think would be useful for a Youth Councillor. We were also given details of how our SAC members can get involved in Bolton Youth Voice, with x2 SAC members already getting involved at the time of writing this article.

We were really grateful for the visit and look forward to working with Bolton Youth Voice more in the near future.

**For more updates on the hard work that Bolton Youth Service do, follow their Twitter account - @bbyc\_ymps**



## Sir Keir Starmer Visit

The Student Affairs Committee were delighted to be involved with the recent visit of Sir Keir Starmer before Christmas. Our Y7 members had the honour of interviewing Sir Keir on the current 'Cost of Living Crisis', all students that were involved in the interview handled themselves impeccably and behaved in an extremely positive manner with compliments given by Sir Keir himself.

Other SAC members assisted in the event with Y9 SAC welcoming Sir Keir and some Y10 SAC members providing assistance to the members of the Labour Party & Newsround team.

We also provided Sir Keir with one of our newly delivered SAC badges and made him an 'Honorary Member of the Student Affairs Committee'. Sir Keir was a huge fan of the work of the SAC which is a testament to our members and their hard work.

We have lots of excellent pictures from the event which have been on our Twitter Account (@SharplesSAC).

We would like to thank all members of the SAC for their hard work and involvement in the event, you are all a real credit to The SAC & Sharples School.

Well done!!



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# How can I stay in touch with the Student Affairs Committee at Sharples?

## Newsletter

This newsletter will be sent out to all students as well as going on the school website, SAC Twitter and School Twitter. This will enable students to keep up to date with the work that the SAC is doing and remind students that their opinion matters.

## Display Board

Our new display board is up and running in the Student Zone area. On this display board you will be able to see each of our SAC members from each year group. It will also include a QR Code to access this newsletter in digital format.

## Twitter

We have recently created our new SAC Twitter account (@SharplesSAC) in which we will be posting updates of the work the SAC do. In addition, we will also be celebrating some of the fantastic opportunities that Sharples offer their students as part of the 'Sharples Advantage'.

## Speak to SAC Members

Our SAC members are visual by their Purple ties (Image to the right). We also have new Sharples SAC badges (Image to the right) that members wear on their blazers which will once again make them more visual to students. We encourage any student to speak to their Year Group members and raise any concerns or points they may have.



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