

Student Voice Minutes

Please continue to use the Student Voice email to ask questions or give feedback that we run out of time for in meetings.

Black notes came from KS4/5 meetings, [blue notes from KS3 meetings](#).

1. Do you carry your bags around school with you throughout the day (as opposed to leaving in your locker)? Do you use your lockers? What for?	
<u>Notes</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students usually carry bags around all day• Students only carry bags if they need them• Lockers are used for folders, PE kit, textbooks and small instruments• Use depends on location of locker• Lockers within form rooms are not very useful - lockers are best in a central location and out of classrooms• Language lockers cause a lot of congestion• Only use locker if have locker key, for pe kits/coats/textbooks/lunch/presents• Don't use lockers if in a inconvenient space eg it is difficult having lockers inside the form room• Students use big cupboards more than lockers but these can be difficult to manage as everyone's bags pile up• Cubby holes and pegs are used more than lockers	<u>Actions and Feedback</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Although there is some mixed feeling, on the whole students seem to prefer lockers outside of classrooms rather than inside.• There is a feeling that more cubby hole spaces are needed around the school and that these are useful spaces to students.• This information is useful to us when we are considering future plans for developments to the school buildings. It will be taken into account with future projects.
2. Where do you store bags at lunch time?	
<u>Notes</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Usually in form, kept with us or in a cubby hole if going to canteen• SFSC for Sixth Form• Psychology area for Sixth Form• In form room for pack lunch• If going to the canteen, outside in the courtyard or in the cubby holes by the canteen (but these fill up quickly)	<u>Actions and Feedback</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• We need to consider outside storage, particularly for students making use of the canteen.• The current situation where bags are left in the quad is not ideal for anyone.

3. Do you use the form pigeonholes and do you find these useful?

Notes

- No as most notices are electronic
- Sometimes, but prefer electronic. Can be unreliable as we are not used to collecting information from them - they are not used enough
- Pigeon holes are used more for personal messages, not general form notices
- Yes and they are useful - use for good cause notices/lost property
- Electronic are more useful - hardly anything in them now
- Useful when teachers want to give something to students

- Pigeon holes are too far away from a lot of forms
- Pigeon holes outside the form room would be better

- It would be more useful to have student shared digital access for room changes/notices

- It would be useful to put when the library will be shut in notices

- The stickering is confusing - we don't know whether to put it above or below

Actions and Feedback

- Some mixed feeling about pigeon holes but more students preferred electronic notices to the pigeon holes

- Given the spread of form rooms, it is difficult to get this right for every form. Pigeon holes would not work if they were outside form rooms as people do not want to walk to each room to put a notice in.

- We will look to see if there is a way to do this, particularly with the 1:1 roll out.

- We will ask Miss Adams to do this

- Notices go in pigeonholes below the form label

4. Can you think of any improvements we could make to the school site?

Notes

- Tower block storage: more cubby holes like the ones near the canteen
- We would like more cubby holes outside classrooms like in science
- More cubby holes everywhere (outdoors too)
- It is concerning to leave laptops lying around so we would appreciate more closed spaces to leave bags (on the other hand there is next to no theft at AHS)
- More cubby holes like in the canteen

Actions and Feedback

- We will consider storage solutions with further developments of the school site. We are conscious that you would like more storage.

- Storage for bags so they don't get wet (especially with chromebooks in the bag)
- Cubby holes in classroom better than lockers in classroom
- Space for oversized items
- Open the other side gate on Turnfurlong at the end of the day
- School gates always open - anyone can walk in
- We would like practice lockdowns
- Improve the toilets in SFSC as the locks don't close properly
- Soundproof music practice rooms
- Improve cleanliness of Main Hall/Harding Hall
- Improve English toilets (very dirty)
- Lots of gum under the tables
- Ceiling in English needs fixing
- Could we have pegs on the back of toilet doors
- More water fountains
- Food waste bin/recycling in canteen and in other parts of the school needs to be clearer
- Water fountains should be situated in more places around the school
- Define flows of people in language corridor, maybe let students go straight into classrooms
- Lockers in language block should move into the form room
- Proper gym to use
- Small lockers in PE block to store valuables (maybe coin operated ones)
- Lockers in Sports block for when we are in PE

- This is only vehicle access gate and it would not be feasible to unlock it and then lock it again just for the end of school. Security of the site would be an issue if it was open all day.
- These concerns will be passed to the premises team to investigate
- These issues came up in our last Student Voice meetings as well and we are looking into more water fountains and better recycling solutions
- We will speak to the languages teachers about the possibility of students going straight into classrooms
- The majority of students seem to prefer lockers outside of classrooms for easy access
- A gym would be an expensive project so would be part of a large scale development for the school; whilst this is not imminent, it could be a possible development in the future
- We will investigate the feasibility of small lockers in the PE block
- When you know you have a PE lesson, you should aim to leave valuables in your normal locker.

- Benches on field like in courtyard (picnic benches)
- Students should be able to use the balcony over the canteen
- We appreciate that AHS is an open site - it doesn't feel like a prison and we appreciate not having to deal with a lanyard
- Sixth Form students would like an easier way to sign out other than at the SFSS
- Sixth Form students would like vending machines in the SFSC
- Designated room for sleeping/nap
- Designated charging room for devices

- The issue with this would be that it would make cutting the grass more difficult but we will speak with the caretakers and ask them how they would feel about a few benches
- The balcony leads to the staff room and Mr Rosen's office so should not be needed by students.
- We are looking at signing in solutions for Sixth Form students and we want to try and make it easier for you to sign out if you have a study period in the afternoon.
- Vending machines are not an option in the Sixth Form block because of healthy standards required in schools
- Whilst we may consider charging points for Chromebooks in the future, a room for sleeping and napping is not a current priority!