

Powys Youth Forum School Council Survey Report April 2011



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Background Summary

- Three different online surveys were designed using the questions provided by Powys Youth Forum and links to these surveys were sent to three different groups within Powys' schools:-
 - one for school staff and the link teachers,
 - one for school council representatives
 - one for general school pupils.

- Letters and emails, including posters, along with follow-up phone calls were made to all of the county's 13 secondary schools, the two special schools and Brynlywarch Hall School, to inform staff, pupils and the school council about the surveys. Members of Powys Youth Forum also promoted the surveys within their own schools.

- The three surveys were built using Powys County Council's Lime Survey tool and went live on 30 March 2011 and closed on 17 April 2011.

- The link to the young people's surveys opened from the youth forum page of the Children and Young People's Partnership's website, where there were links to the pupil and school council representatives' surveys. The Staff Survey was accessed through a separate link only emailed to the school.

- Each survey had two pages and was anonymous – the only identifying piece of information asked for was the school so that where in the county responses had come from could be pinpointed. When the surveys closed, all the completed responses were analysed but were not broken down to an individual school level.

- The following number of completed surveys were received:
 - Pupils' Survey - 146 responses
 - Staff Survey - 31 responses
 - School Council Reps' Survey - 114 responses

- The findings of the surveys are broken down into the following sections (click a section to jump straight to that section):
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- Copies of the surveys can be found in appendices at the end of the report or by clicking the links below:
 - Pupils' Survey (English) – [Appendix A](#)
 - Pupils' Survey (Welsh) – [Appendix B](#)

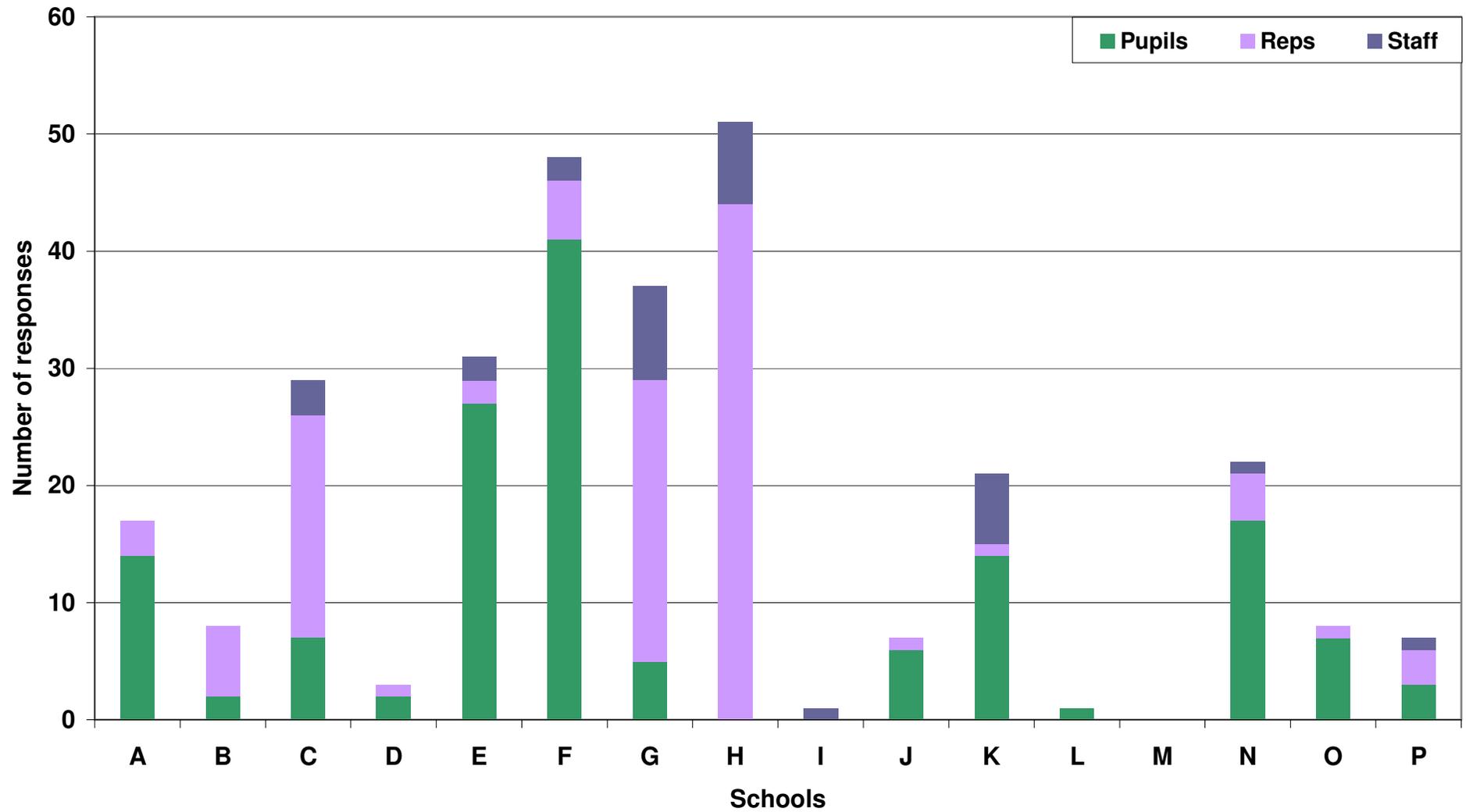
 - Staff Survey (English) – [Appendix C](#)
 - Staff Survey (Welsh) – [Appendix D](#)

 - School Council Reps' Survey (English) – [Appendix E](#)
 - School Council Reps' Survey (Welsh) – [Appendix F](#)

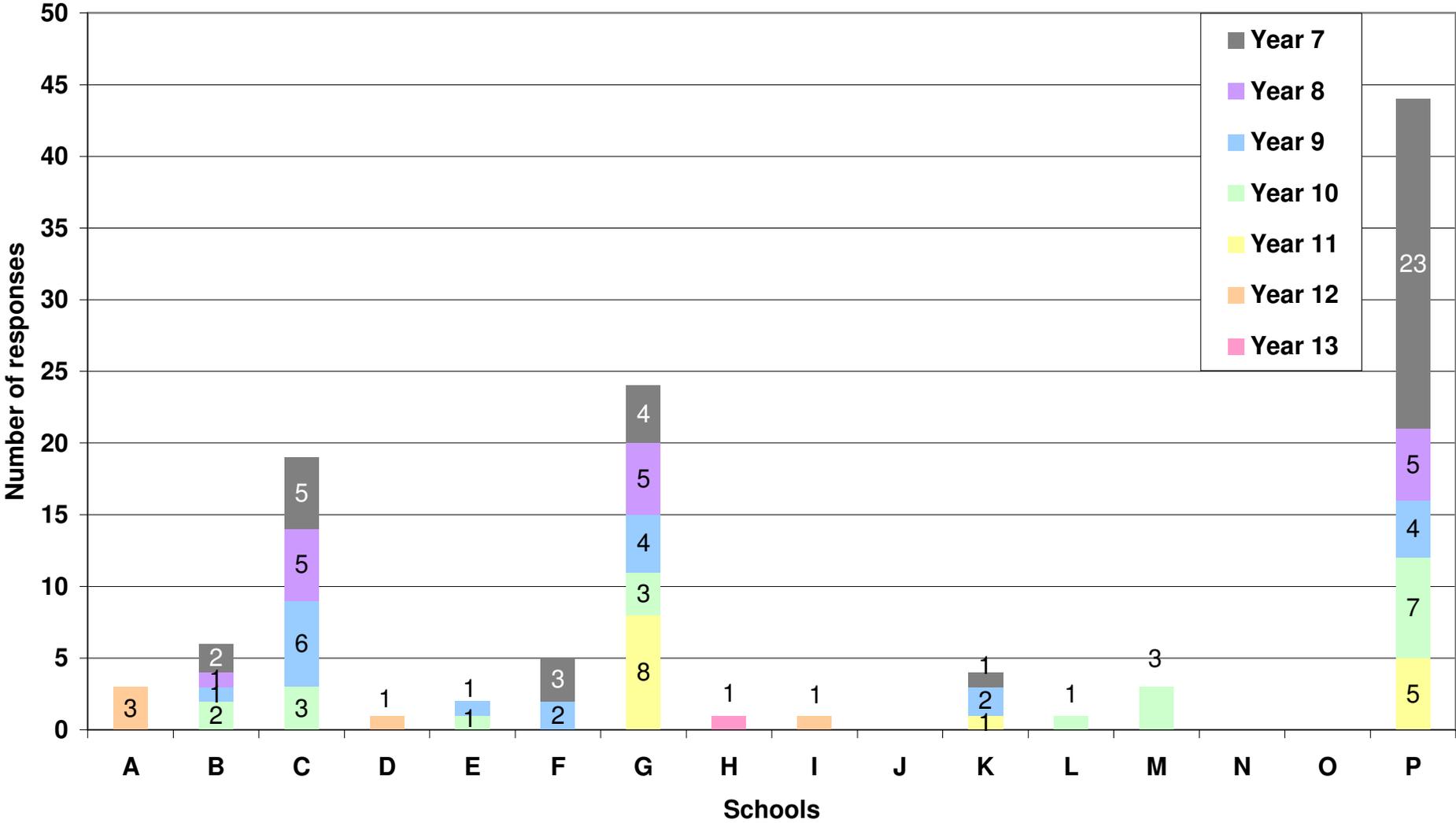
- If you would like more information about the surveys, their findings or Powys Youth Forum in general, then please contact Janet Bidgood (Youth Participation Officer) on 01597 82 6627 or email janet.bidgood1@powys.gov.uk

Who responded to the surveys?

Number of responses to the different surveys by school



Number of responses to pupils' and reps' surveys by year groups



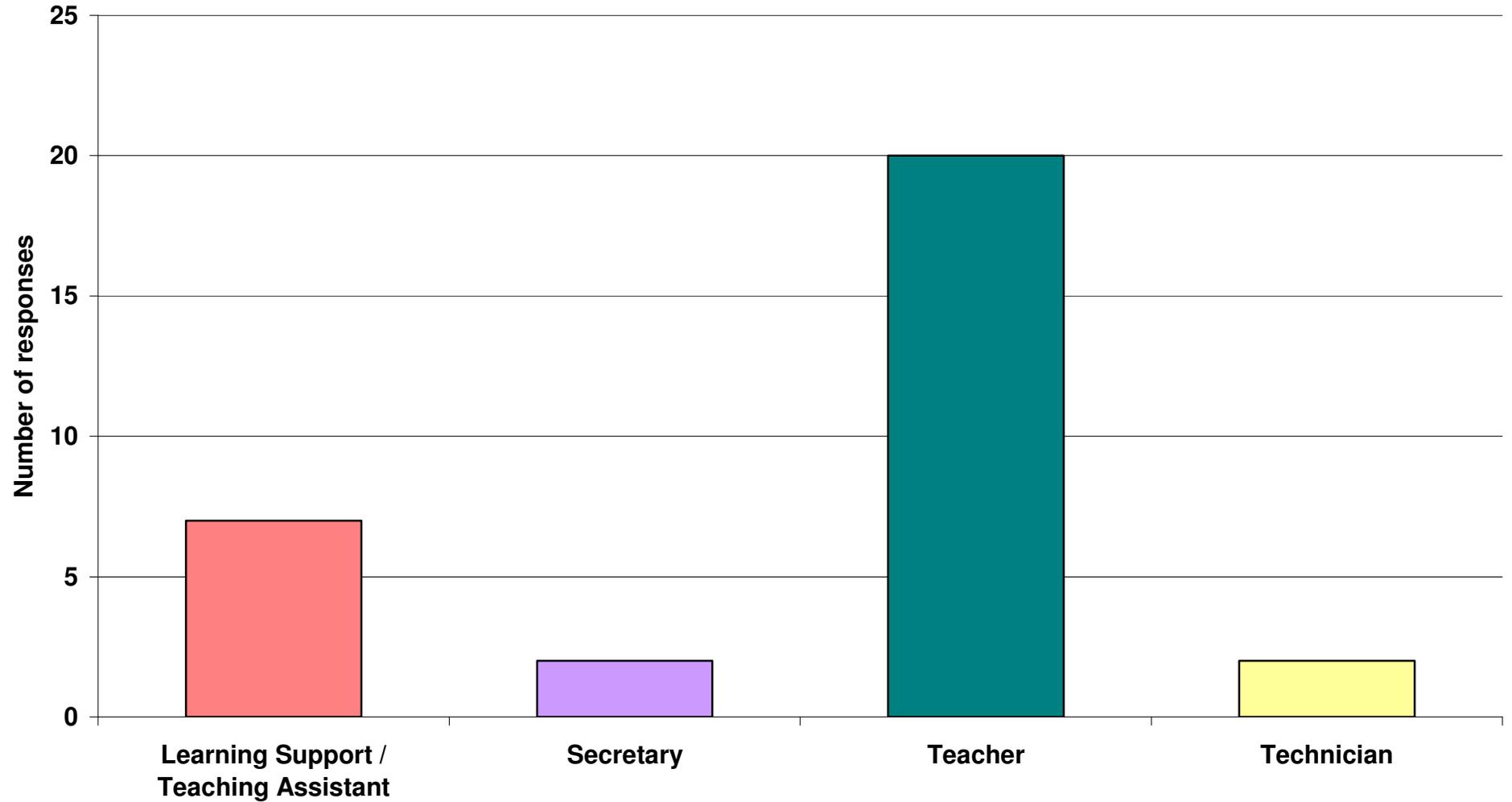
Pupils were asked “***Which of the following applies to you?***”

Option	Number of respondents
I am a school council rep now	1
I have been a school council rep in the past	22
I am a year council rep	5
I am a form council rep	5
I don't represent a group	111
Other	6
Total	150

N.B. Pupils could select more than one response, so the total number of responses is greater than 146.

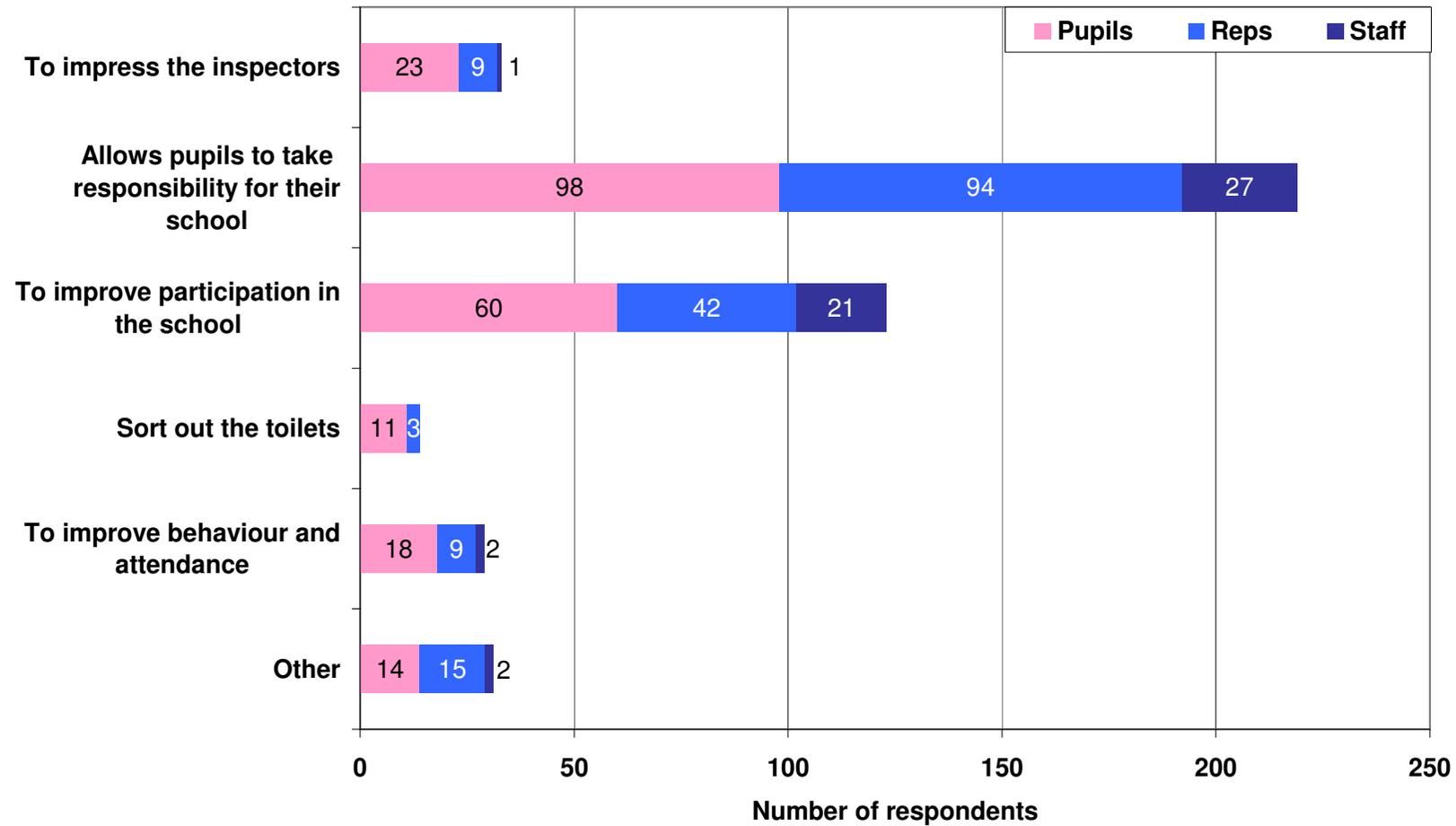
[Click here](#), or see the end of the report, for the comments provided under ‘*Other*’.

Role of respondents to staff survey



Questions about school councils

What is the role of school council?

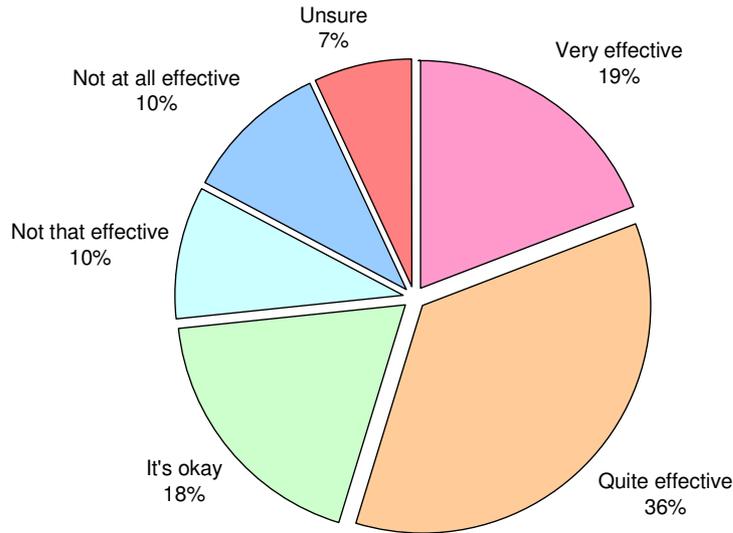


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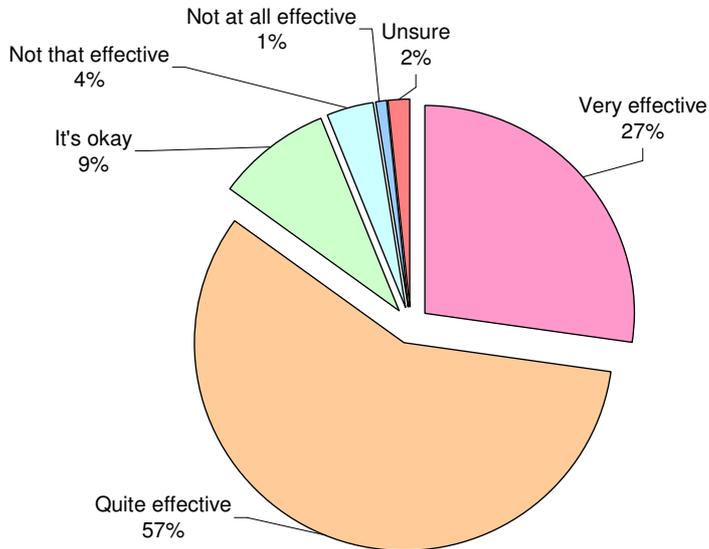
What percentage of the pupils in your school would you say know the role of the school's school council?

School Council reps were asked the above question; the mean percentage of 63% they felt would know the school council's role.

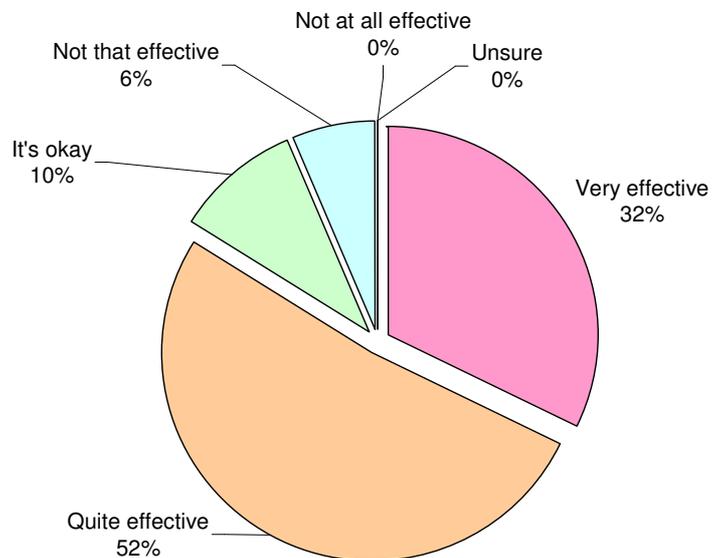
How effective is your school's school council? - Pupils



How effective is your school's school council? - Reps



How effective is your school's school council? - Staff



For ideas to improve school councils' effectiveness, [click here](#) or see the end of the report.

How often has your school council met in the past 12 months?

Frequency	Pupils		Reps		Staff	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Weekly	33	22.6	2	1.8	0	0
Fortnightly	23	15.8	8	7.0	5	16.1
Monthly	45	30.8	63	55.3	18	58.1
Half termly	9	6.2	27	23.7	5	16.1
Termly	5	3.4	7	6.1	0	0
Other	31	21.2	7	6.1	3	9.7
Total	146	100.0	114	100.0	31	100.0

For the comments provided 'Other', [click here](#) or see the end of the report.

How often would you like to meet as a school council?

School Council reps reported that they would like to meet for an average (mean) of 17 times per academic year. With an average of 39 weeks per academic school year, this equates to just over one meeting every 2 weeks. The most common (mode) answer was 12 meetings per academic year, which works out to once every 3 weeks.

On average, how long are your school council meetings?

School Council reps were asked how long, in minutes, their school council meetings were – the responses received ranged from 2 minutes (stated by 3 reps from the same school) to 120 minutes (stated by 2 reps from different schools, although one of these reps attended the same school as those who stated 2 minutes). The mean reported length of school council meetings was 39 minutes and the mode length (reported by 39 reps) was 30 minutes.

Can you name any of the school council's achievements from the past 12 months?

A quarter (24.7%) of the pupils, 84.2% of school council reps and 71.0% of the staff could name one or more of the school council's achievements. If respondents answered Yes, they were then asked to list any of the achievements that they could name, [click here](#) to see respondents' answers or see the end of the report.

Have you been involved with the school council in the past 12 months?

Just under a quarter (22.6%) of staff stated that they had been involved with the school council in the past 12 months, with 9 of the 14 teachers and 3 of 7 learning support / teaching assistants who responded stating that they had been involved.

How have you promoted the school council in the past 12 months?

A total of 61.3% of staff stated that they had promoted the school council in the past 12 months, details of which can be found at the end of the document or by [clicking here](#).

What's the one thing you'd like your school council to sort out?

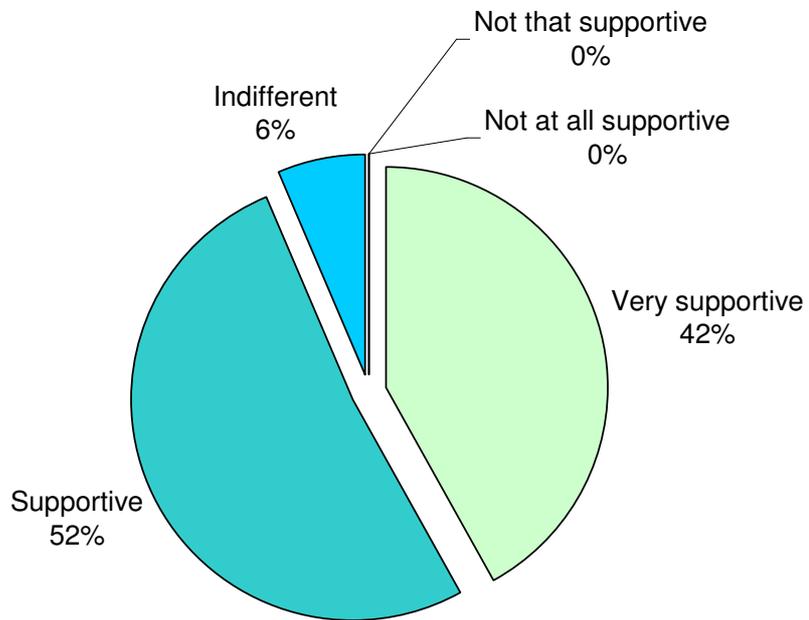
Pupils were asked this question - comments can be found at the end of the report or [click here](#).

What have you enjoyed most about being involved with your school council?

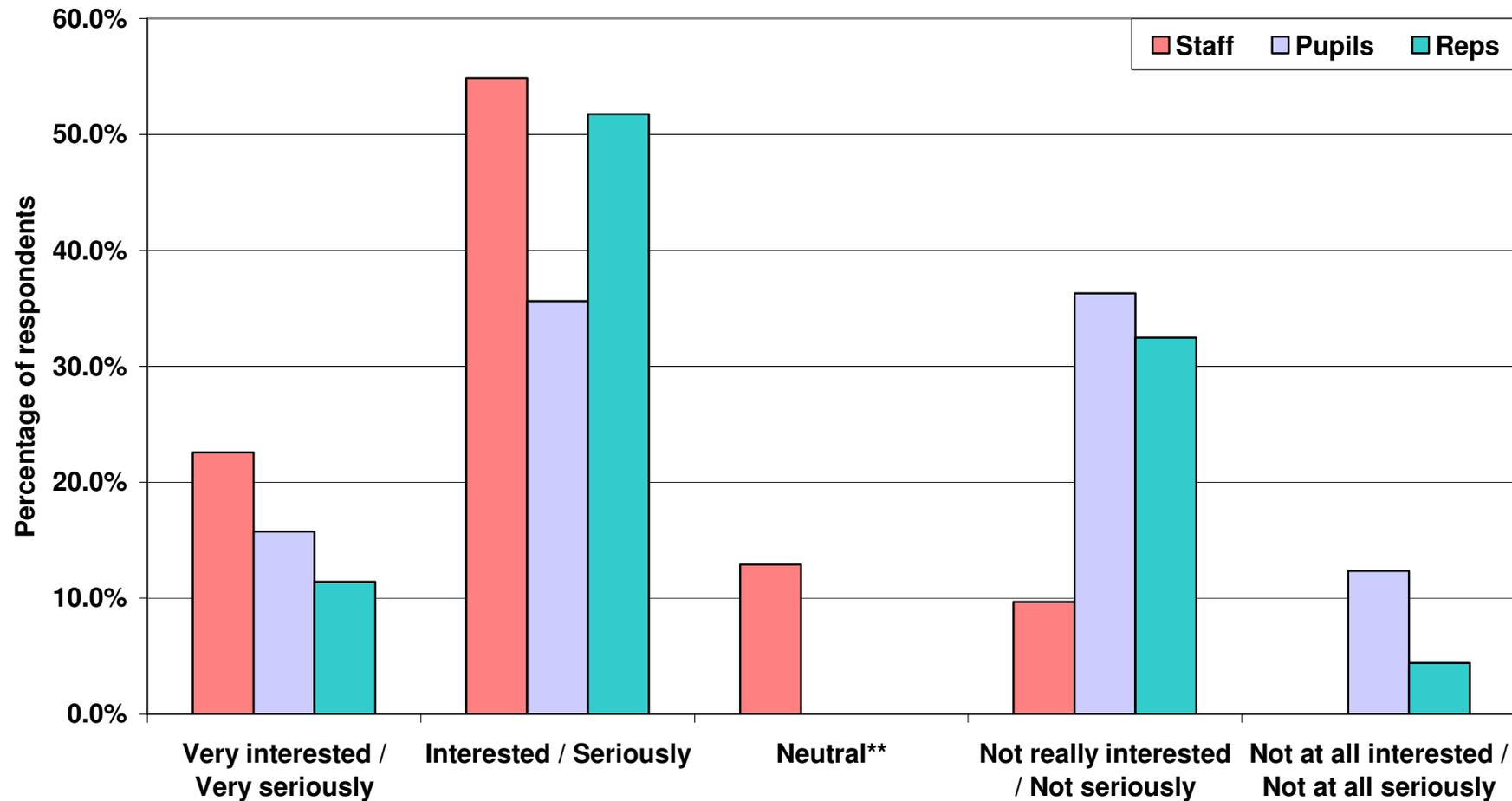
School Council reps were asked this question – their comments can be found at the end of the report or [click here](#).

Questions about the perception of the school council

How supportive are staff of school councils



How interested / seriously pupils take school council



N.B. Staff were asked “**How interested are your school’s pupils to be members of the school council?**” pupils were asked “**How seriously would you say you take the school council?**” and School Council reps were asked “**How seriously would you say the pupils in your school take the school council?**” Neutral** - this option was only available on the Staff Survey and not on the Pupils’ or School Council reps’ surveys.

School Council reps were asked to justify their reason – their comments can be [seen here](#) or at the end of the report. Staff were asked “**What would increase their interest?**” – their responses can be [found here](#) or at the end of the report.

Questions about School Council reps and participation

Do you know who your form's school council rep is/are? / Does your form/group currently have a school council rep?

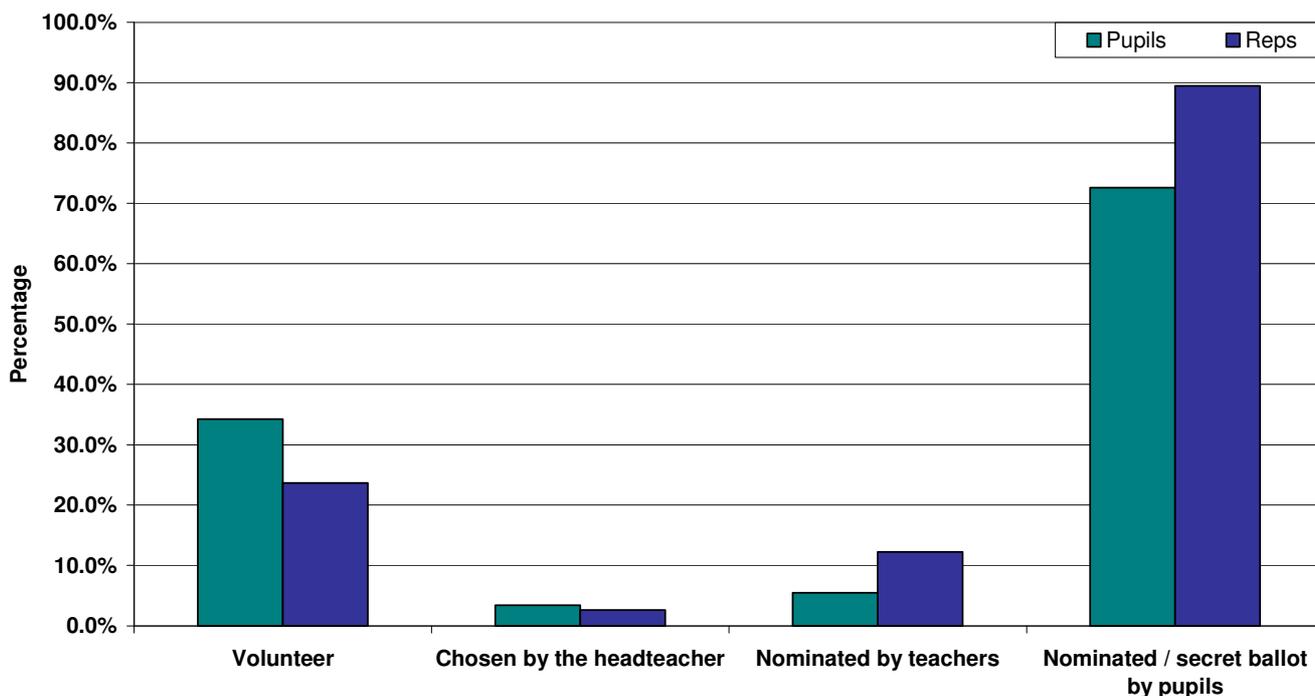
The majority (83.6%) of pupils reported that they did know who their school council rep is. Just over two thirds (67.7%) of the teaching staff (i.e. Learning Support / Teaching Assistants or Teachers) reported that their form/group currently has a school council rep.

How many school council reps are there?

School Council reps were asked how many reps there were in their school and reported that:-

- Overall, the mean number of reps was 30, with numbers ranging from 9 to 56. The mode number of overall reps was 24, reported by 21 respondents to the survey.
- Per form, the mean value of 1 rep was reported, with responses ranging from 1 to 10 per form. The most common number of reps per form was 1, as stated by over half (57.0%) of the respondents.
- For co-opted reps, the mean number was 15, with responses ranging from 0 to 35. The mode number of co-opted reps was 12, as reported by 18 respondents.

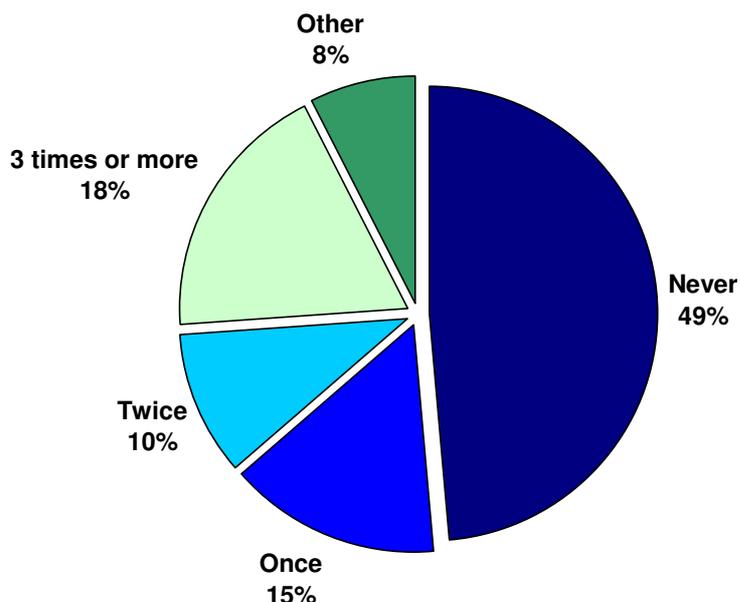
How are school council reps chosen in your school?



Do you think that this is a fair way of choosing your school council's rep?

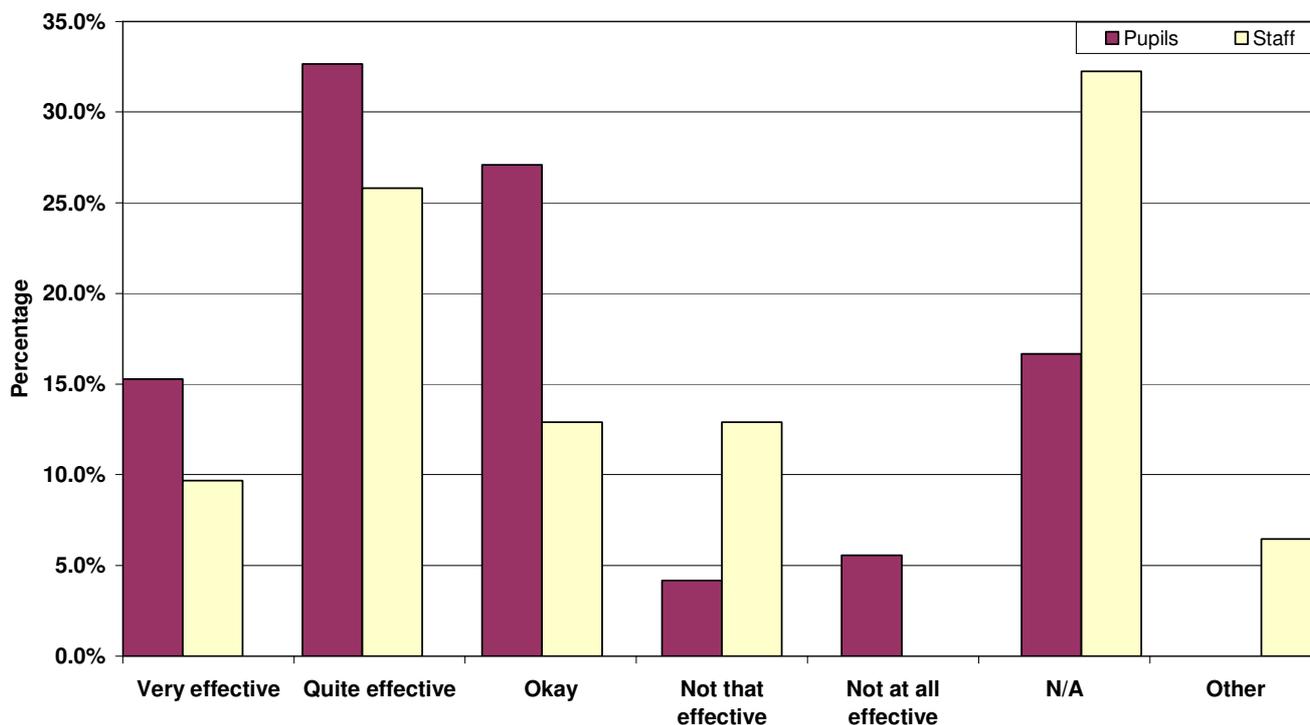
The majority of pupils (84.2%) and of school council reps (74.6%) thought that their school's method of choosing school council reps was fair. Comments provided by those who felt their school's method was not a fair way are at the end of the report or [click here](#).

How often have you spoken to rep about a school council issue?



[Click here](#) to see comments recorded under 'Other' or see the end of the report.

How effective has your form's school council rep been?



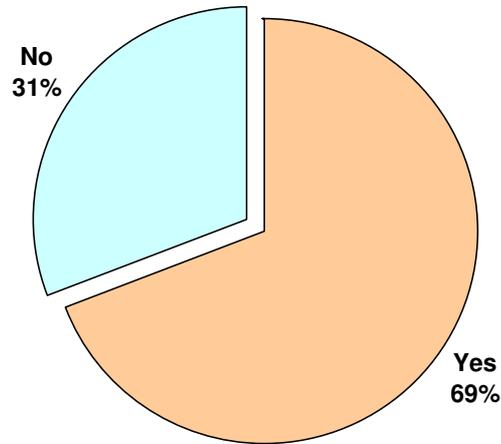
'Other' comments reported by Staff were *"Unknown"* and *"Not a form teacher"*.

Pupils were asked *"Would you like to say any more about this rep?"* To see the responses, [click here](#) or see the end of the report.

Of the pupils who had spoken to their school council rep at least one, a fifth (20.5%) reported that the situation had improved as a result of speaking to their school council rep, whereas 14.4% said it had not improved.

Pupils were asked whether they felt they could participate in school council matters:

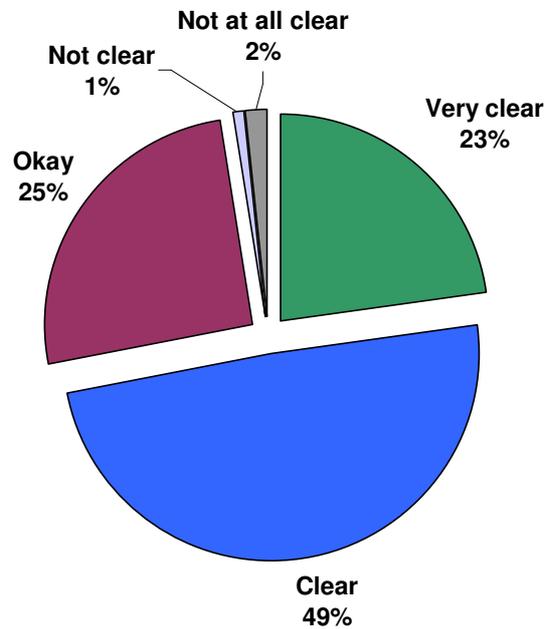
Do you feel you can talk to your rep / get involved in school council?



Pupils were asked '*Is there any reason why?*' – comments are at the end of the report or [click here](#).

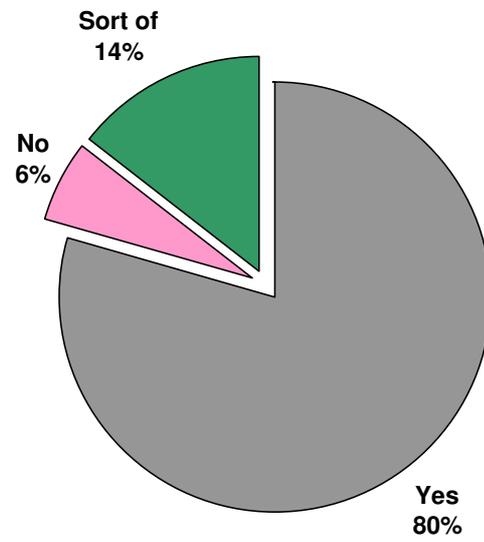
School Council reps were asked about their understanding of their own role:

How clear are you about your own role in school council?



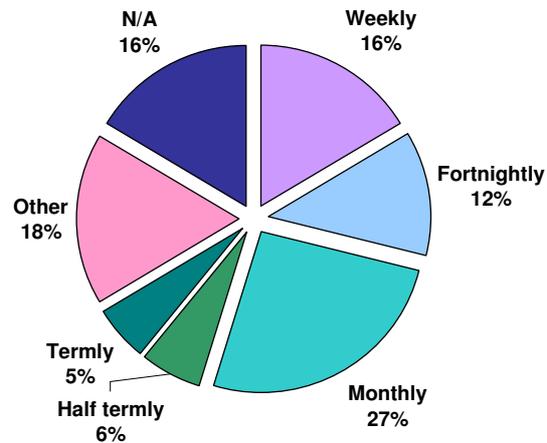
Pupils were asked what they felt about their own involvement in decision making:

Do you think pupils being involved in decision making is important?

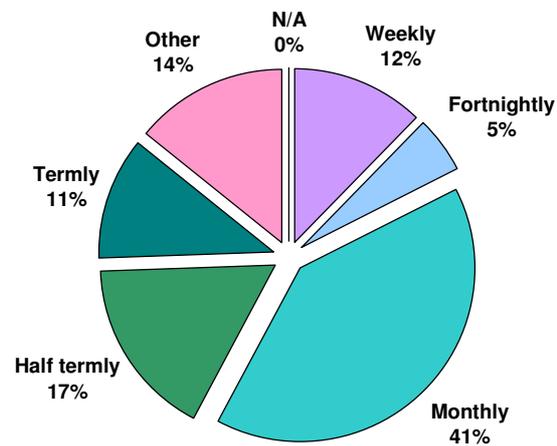


Questions about feedback

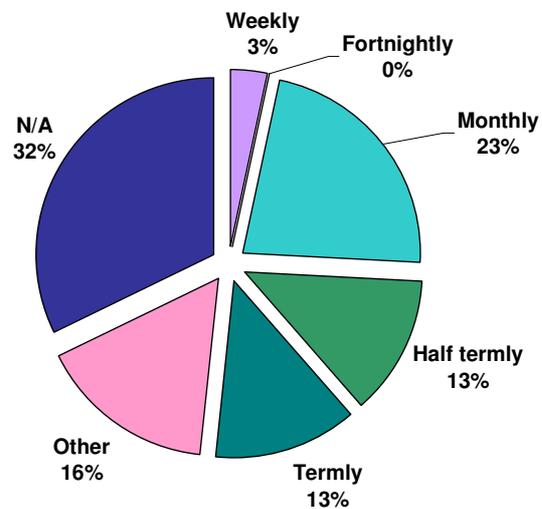
How often school council info feedback? - Pupils



How often school council info feedback? - Reps



How often school council info feedback? - Staff



Please [click here](#) to see comments recorded under 'Other' for how often school info is fed back.

Is enough time given to you to feedback school council issues to other pupils?

School Council reps were asked whether enough time was given to them to feedback school council issues to other pupils, with three quarters (74.6%) of respondents saying they were given enough time.

On average, how quickly is school council information feedback to your pupils?

School Council reps were asked this question and their comments can be found here, or at the end of the report.

Questions about link teachers / school council coordinators

Are you a link teacher / school council coordinator?

Of the 7 teachers who were their school's link teacher / school council coordinator, all stated that they had been involved with the school council in the past 12 months. Six non-link teachers stated they had been involved, of which 3 were teachers and 3 were learning support / teaching assistants. Respondents were asked to briefly describe how they had been involved with the school council and comments can be found at the end of the document or [click here](#).

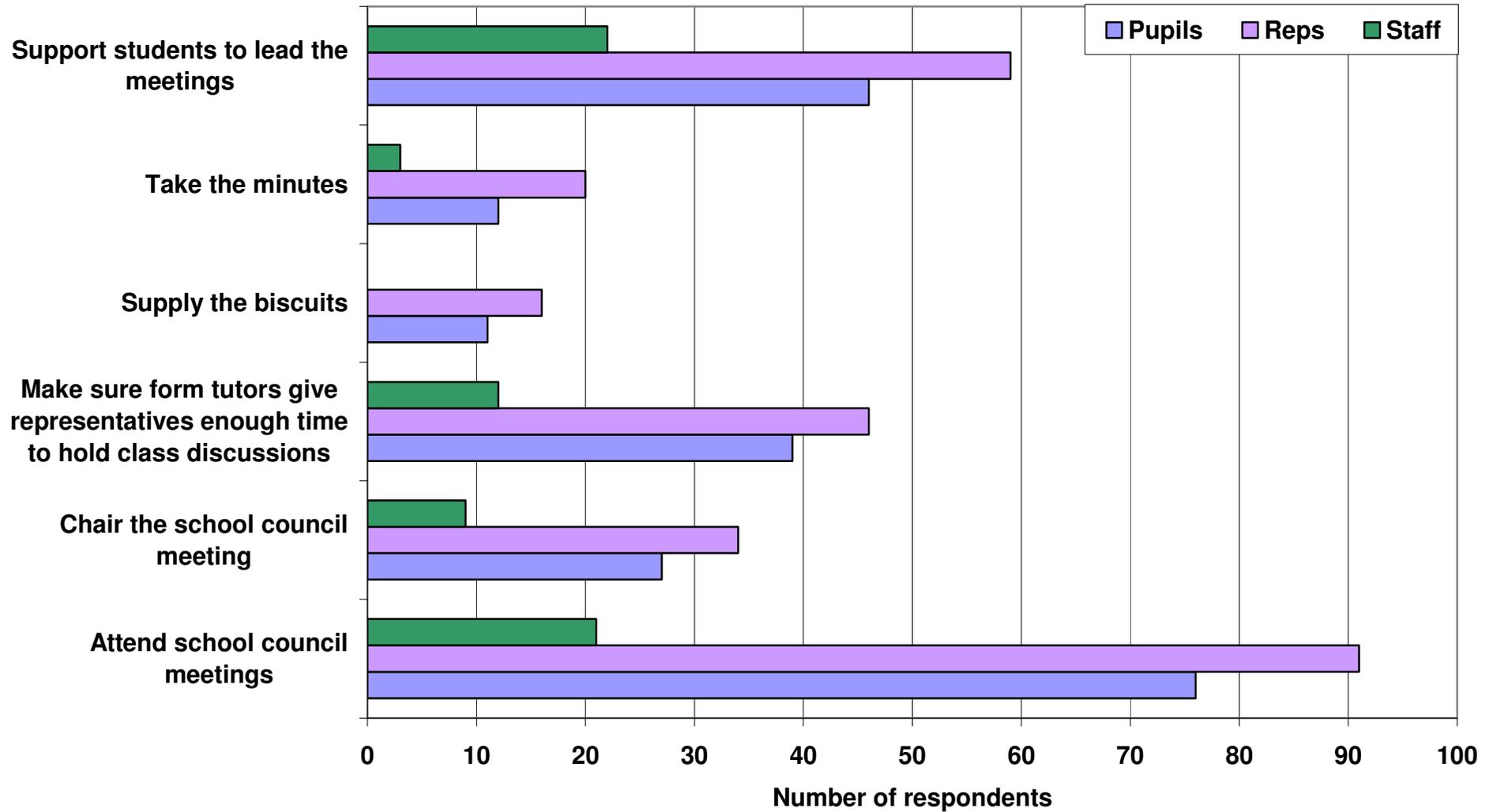
How long have you been a link teacher?

The number of months that respondents had reported that they had been the link teacher / school council coordinator were 14, 24, 48, 48, 48, 60 and 92 months.

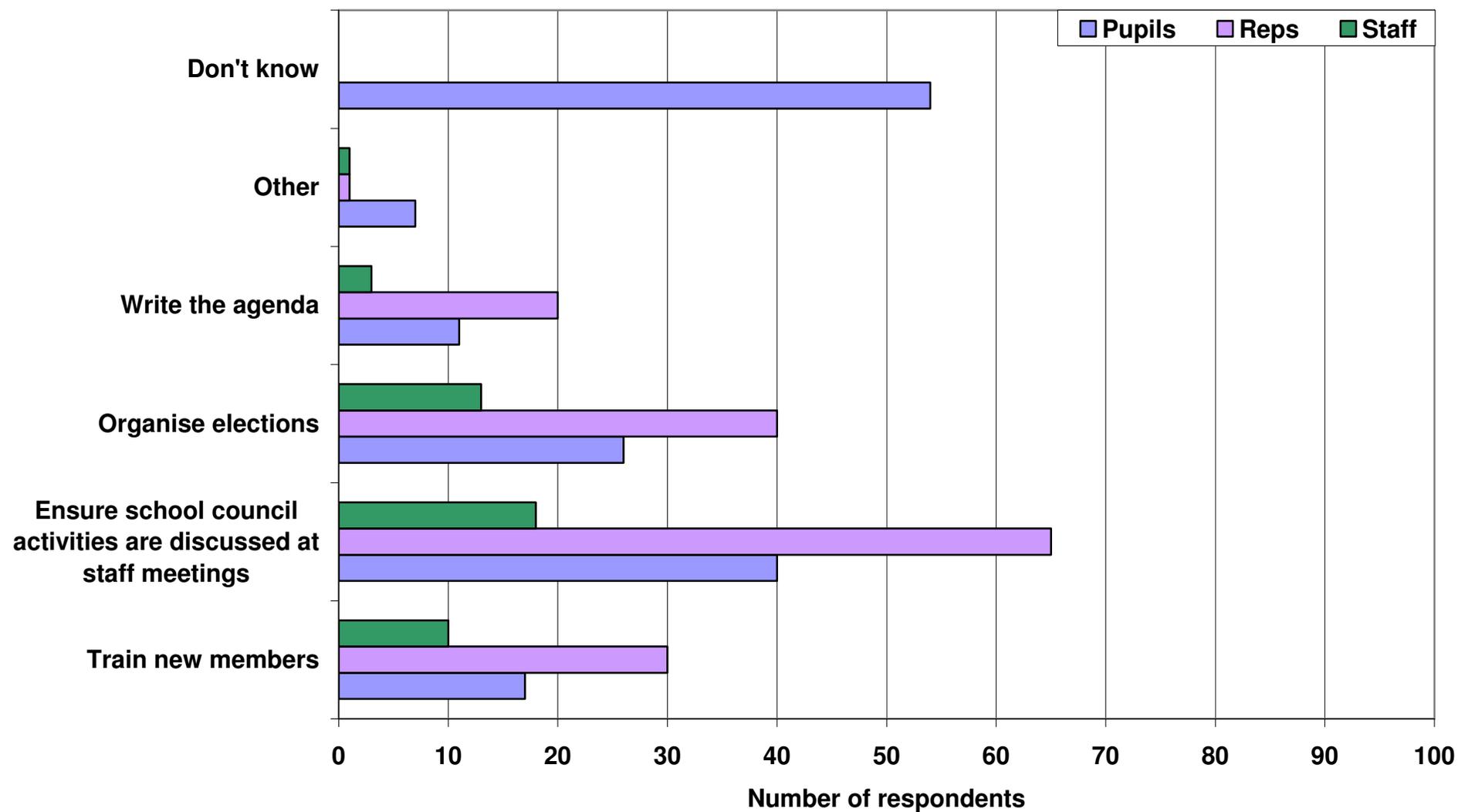
Do you know who your school's school council link teacher is?

Just under two thirds (64.5%) of staff who were not the link teacher / school council coordinator reported that they knew who their school's school council link teacher is. Of the four staff who didn't know, two were teachers, one was a technician and the other a secretary.

Role of school link teacher / school council coordinator 1



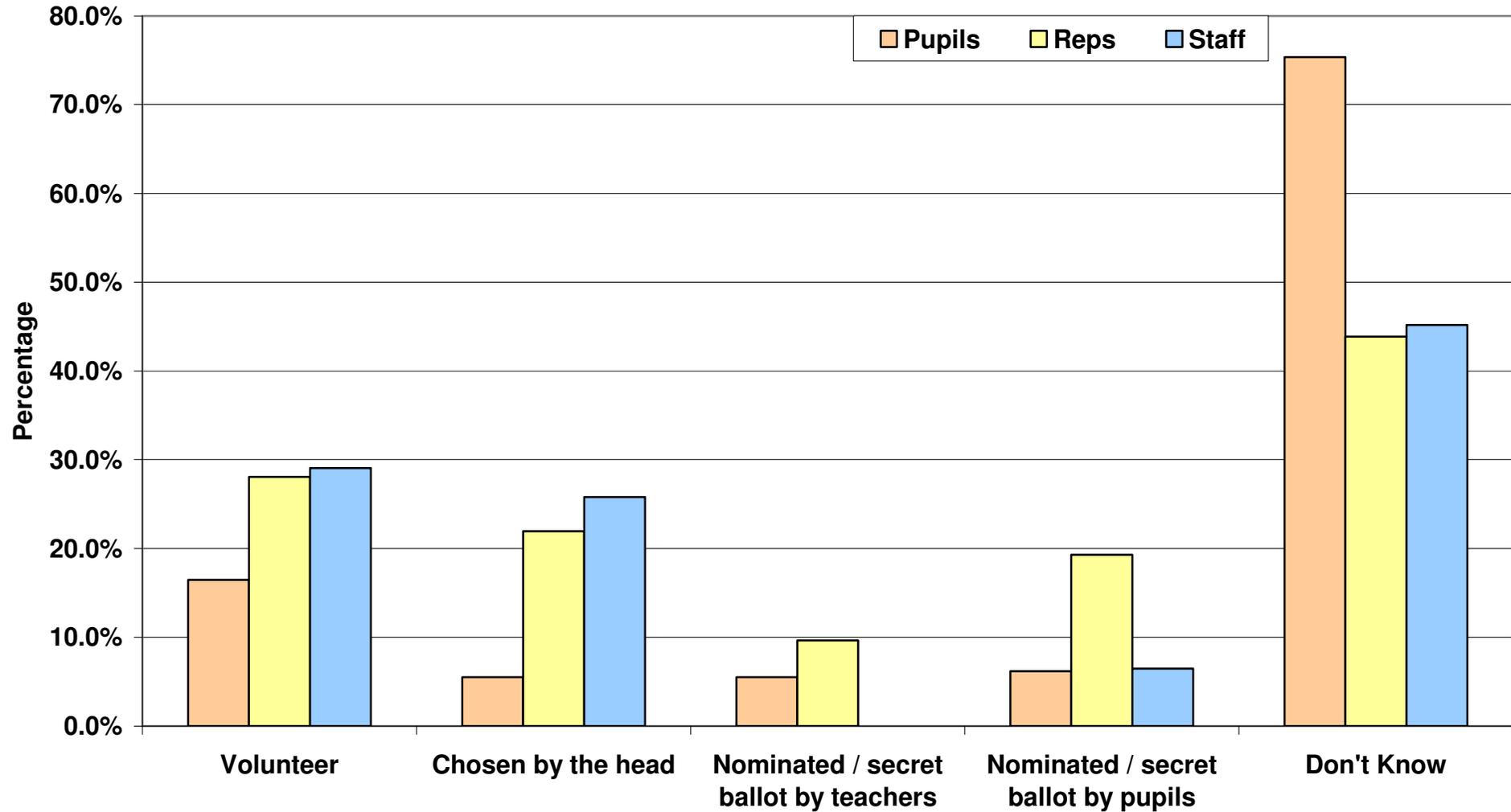
Role of school link teacher / school council coordinator 2



For a list of the *Other* comments received, please see the end of the report or [click here](#).

Over a third (36.3%) of pupils reported that they know who their school's link teacher was, where as 63.7% stated that they do not.

How is the link teacher / school council coordinator chosen in your school?



How many times has the link teacher / school council coordinator changed in the past 12 months?

School Council reps were asked how many times their link teacher / school council coordinator had changed in the past 12 months – the mean number was 0 times, as reported by over three quarters (78.1%) of school council reps.

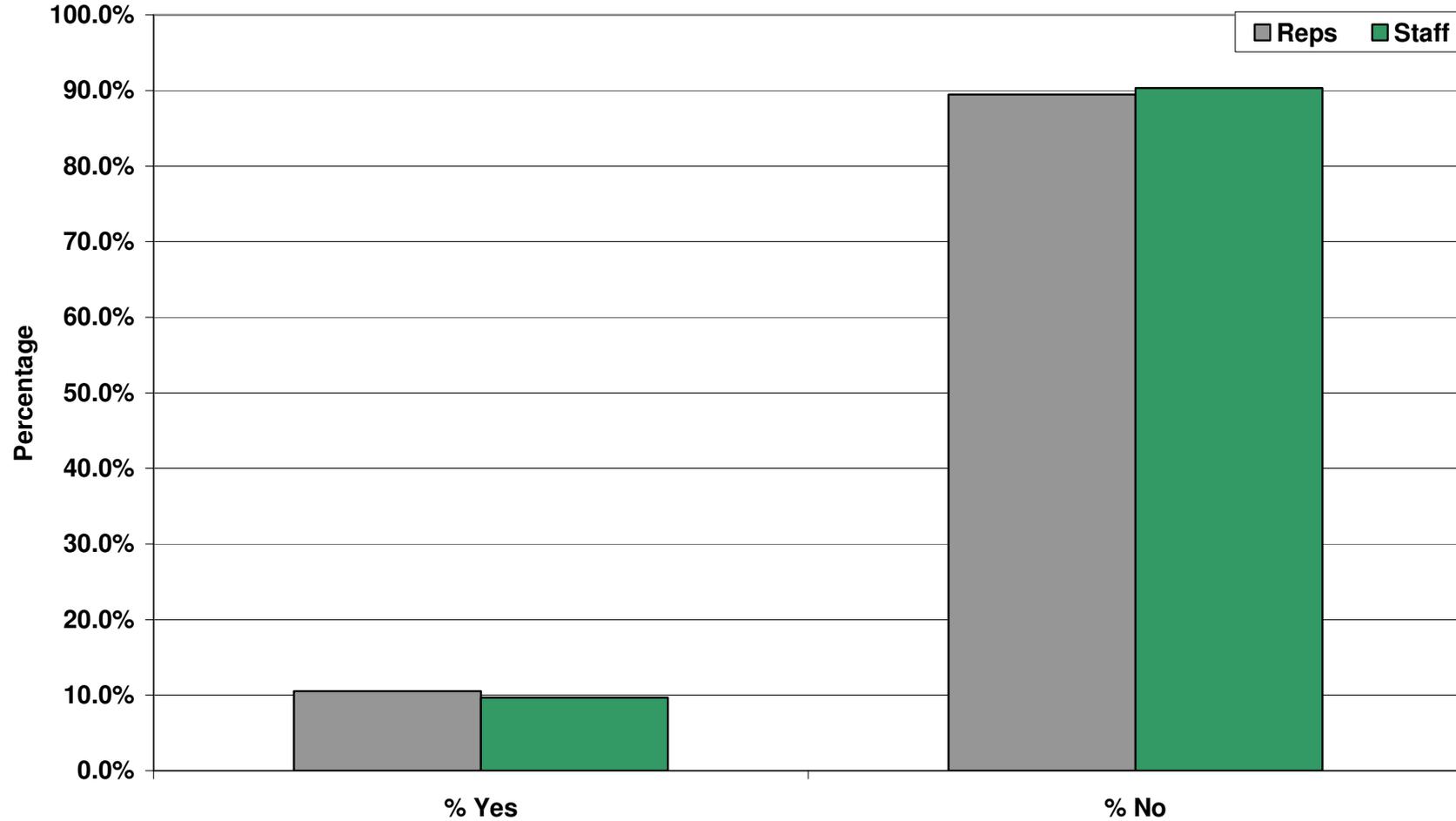
What other responsibilities does your school's current link teacher / school council coordinator have?

This question was asked to the School Council reps and to the Staff, although it's clear from some of the answers received that the question was interpreted differently by different individuals – to see the comments, [click here](#) or see the end of the report.

Questions about training

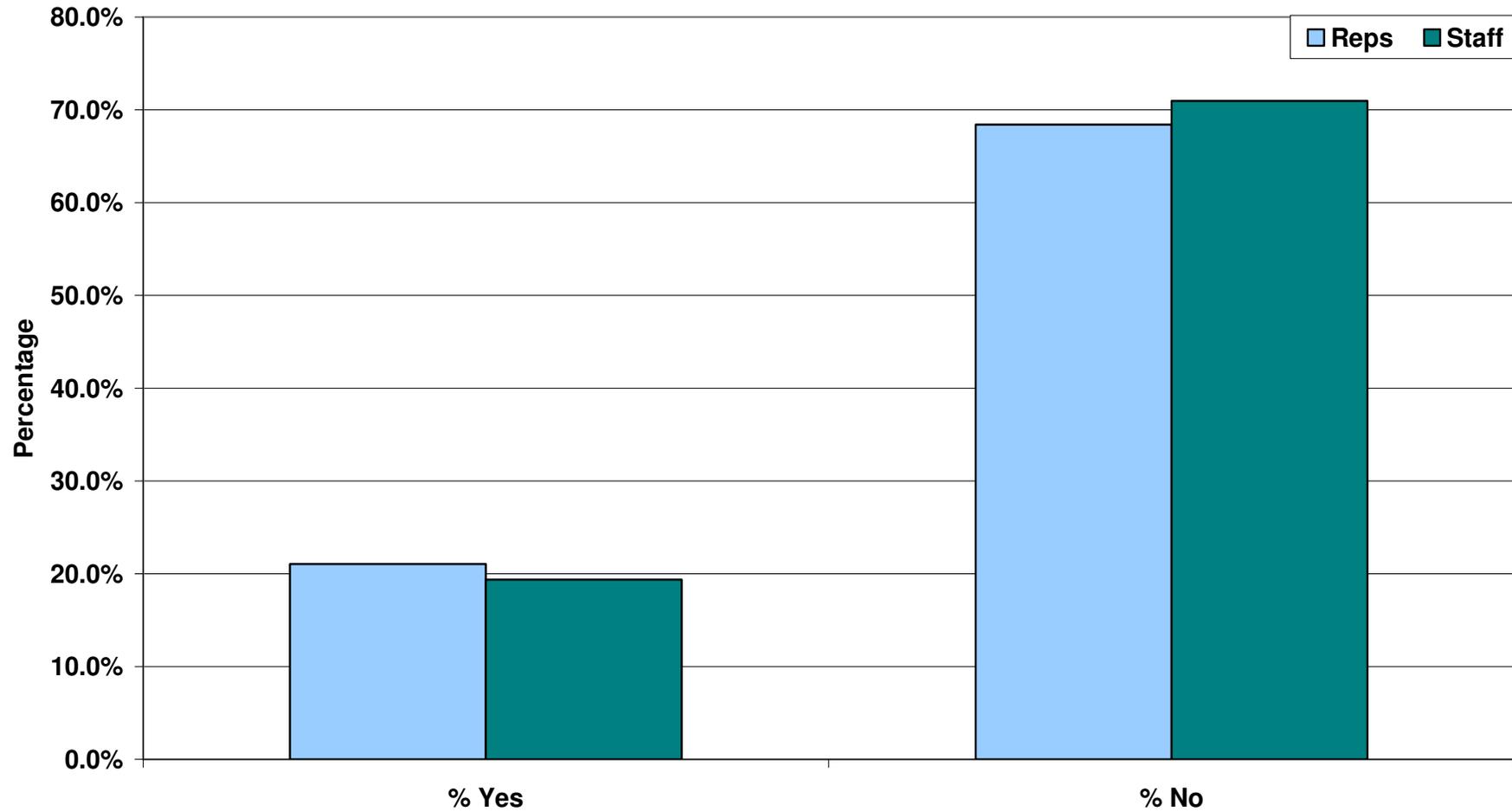
Staff were asked *“Have you received any training about school councils / pupil participation during your career?”* and school council reps were asked *“Have you received any training about school councils in the past 12 months?”*

Have you received any training about school councils?



Staff and School Council reps who stated that they had been on training were asked what they had learnt about; comments shown at the end of the document or by [clicking here](#).

Would you be interested in receiving some school council training?



Respondents who stated that they would be interested were asked what they would like the training to cover; comments are shown at the end of the document or by [clicking here](#).

Comments provided by survey respondents

Which of the following applies to you? 'Other' comments:

Pupils' comments:-

"im in the SNAG group."

"eco group."

"rugby, football."

"pupil."

"Pupil."

"member of L.I.D."

What do you think the role of the school council is? 'Other' comments:

Pupils' comments:-

"To make sure we get a good education."

"Not sure."

"Make decisions that apply to us as pupils, get the pupils views heard,"

"I don't know."

"Not sure, never been made clear."

"To learn."

"Don't know."

"Just to sort out all the stuff that is wrong in the school."

"Didn't know they existed."

"Put pupils' views forward."

"To get our voices heard."

"Help out with choices."

"So different pupils in a different year can have a say."

"Let pupils have a say in what to improve in school."

Staff comments:-

"Student voice."

"To include pupils who may be otherwise left out."

School Council reps' comments:-

"And make the school a happy and safe place to study and learn."

"Voice the pupils' opinion on improvements for the school."

"To get the pupils views across."

"To take other pupils views and put them forward and get them across to the rest of the council."

"helpu pobol gyda problemau." (Help people with problems)

"helpu pobl efo problem." (Help people with problems)

"cael pethau gwell i'r ysgol." (To have better things for the school)

"To give pupils an opportunity to put there ideas towards the school."

"To bring to attention any problems and fix those problems."

"To make the school a better place."

"To help."

"Help improve the school."

"To improve the school."

"To improve and help the school."

"To give the pupils a say in the school and to be able to voice their opinions."

Do you have any suggestions that could improve its (the school council's) effectiveness?

Pupils' comments:-

"For the teachers to actually listen to school council."

"Have more meetings."

"It would be nice if teachers listened to school council ideas - when I was in school council, we suggested ideas, but nothing changed and it felt like our opinions weren't being valued."

"Let more pupils have an input in it."

"no not really."

"Actually have meetings, and not just one. I used to be on the school council, and the only meeting I got called to was at the very start of the school year, to introduce everyone. Also, I have noticed no Year 10's or 11's participated in this meeting. Since I was in council in year 9, I hoped to represent in year 10 also; the subject was not even mentioned."

"The Teachers to actually listen to what the pupils have to say! meet more often Consult the rest of the school have someone that takes charge and makes things happen that is not someone in the headteam! they have too much work already!"

"Maybe have a suggestion box."

"Have them more regular, and let everyone know when the meeting will take place so the pupils can say what they want to the pupils on the school council."

"Make themselves known more."

"No."

"try to meet up every week."

"Can the council make decisions or do they just put forward ideas"

"They should make more decisions about the school and have more meetings."

"don't know."

"put paul reynolds in it so we get something done."

"To do something."

"Have more meetings and a larger role in the school being able to make changes."

"Nothing, it is a complete waste of time and effort."

"Assign people who would actually attend school council sessions."

"Allow them to have more responsibility."

"Let the form classes have a larger impact of what is discussed in meetings and see any progress made."

"Actually have meetings be generally less rubbish."

"No."

"By having more authority and more perks to joining."

"Giving more responsibility and authority to the council."

"I suppose it's involvement in the school's affairs could be made more public to the pupils, so we can further appreciate them."

"No."

"Give them more powers and make the senior management listen to them more often." "Make sure the members know what there responsibilities are."

"I don't feel that it is my duty to improve a council that I am not involved with."

"See more of the effects and have a pse lesson to get a list of things we think could improve the school. see more of its results!"

"Instead of having one just to tick a box, it should actually have a say on issues. There's a slight tendency for them not to tackle the more important issues."

"Actually do something."

"Replace the whole council."

"Meet up more often, get people to report back to classes."

"More communication between staff and pupils, in both languages not just through the medium of welsh as there are many English students."

"Take it more seriously."

"No."

"Change the uniform and re decorate the toilets."

"Have more meetings and actually take our ideas on board instead of ignoring us."

"Fix the toilets."

"Teachers actually listening to the school council and students."

"More regular meetings and feedback to people not in the council."

"Listen to the pupils ideas and actually take them into account rather than just push them to one side and do nothing about anything. The pupils are trying to make the school better for both teachers and other pupils, making it more enjoyable and safe."

"Teachers are too involved."

Staff comments:-

"Promotion of school councils which would have bi weekly meetings with SMT to discuss problems from a pupil's prospectus."

"Mae angen i'r disgyblion ofyn am bethau. Mae'n yn cael bron pob peth!" (Students need to ask about things. They get just about everything!)

"More regular feedback to learning mentors through their mentor group reps."

"No opinion."

"tHEY COULD BE MORE VISBLE - SPECIAL PLACE IN ASSEMBLY ETC."

School Council reps' comments:-

"For the council to meet together more frequently."

"It could be improved if we spoke more as a group and had more meetings."

"I am not sure."

"New Link Teacher, one that understands youth participation and such."

"The school council needs to be publicised more, then the school would understand how important it is."
"Rhoi mwy o gyfle i ddisgyblion i fynegi barn ar bynciau llosg, e.e. cael gwared o athrawon" (Give more opportunity to pupils to give their opinions on current topics, e.g. getting rid of teachers).
"Wrth dweud wrth y disgyblion sydd ddim yn yr cyngor ysgol gwybod be sy'n digwydd" (Telling pupils who aren't members of the school council what's happening).
"Angen cwrdd mwy aml (Need to meet more often)."
"Going deeper into detail on what can happen on ideas."
"Have more school council meetings and for longer."
"More power over the changes in the school."
"More student involvement."
"Maybe listen too the pupils more and maybe take better action and make the childrens points hurd."

How often has your school council met in the past 12 months? 'Other' comments:

Pupils' comments:

"2 termly if that."
"I don't know."
"Every week at the start of term, but almost never by the end of the year."
"dont know."
"Don't know."
"dont know."
"Not usre."
"Once, at the beggining of the school year."
"dont know."
"Don't know."
"not a clue.."
"have no idea."
"Unsure."
"Dont know."
"varied."
"a lot."
"not sure."
"must be once."
"I don't know."
"whi knows."
"dont know."
"have no clue."
"n/a."
"I'm unaware of their meeting arrangements."
"over 9000 years."
"NA."
"dont know."
"i dont know."
"I don't know."
"when there are insperctors in or someone the head wants to impress."
"don't know."

Staff comments:-

"Do not know"
"unsure"
"Additional meetings on top of regular schedule recently due to pressing issues raised for Council discussion"

School Council Reps' comments:

"It's differd, started with fortnightly the first term, now it's less and less."
"ddim yn siwr" (Not sure)
"?"
"3 wythnos" (3 weeks)
"ddim yn siwr" (Not sure)

Can you name any of the school council's achievements from the past 12 months?

Pupils' comments:-

"We raised money for Africa."

"We raised money for Africa and Ghana trips and the school we are linked with."

"We raised money for africa and gahna."

"We rased money for Africa."

"Talking to Powys about closures of schools and six forms.."

"Eco green flag award."

"Eco flag."

"Eco commette/green flag."

"We can now take food out of the canteen in these pots. It was a great idea and we love it!"

"THE Litter around school has not been that bad."

".Helping the school through modernisation."

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"Year 11 prom."

"josh solves things."

"Sorting out the playground."

"TIDYING UP THE HOL SCOOL."

"Eco Award Healthy Snack Trolley."

"They sorted the play ground."

"Things in the playground"

"MORE Equipment."

"Outdoor picnic tables marking football pitch outdoor bins footballs rugby balls tennis balls cycling proficiency course menu - sent home."

"New lock on toilet door new footballs and rugby balls bins."

"Gives money to people who do sponsored events and cake sales and bag packs at tescos."

"dont know never seen them do anything."

"They orgained charity events."

"Charity fund raisers, Helped pick new school head teacher, made improvements to the school grounds."

"Sort out litter."

"new head."

"Helped to pick the head teacher."

"Helped pick the head teacher."

"Sorted out the Canteen and litter picking and showing the new head teachers around and things like that."

"Sorting out the canteen, litter picking, showing the applied head teachers around and spoke to them."

"Charity events."

"Allowing 6th Formers to use the leisure centre in free lessons."

Staff comments:-

"Informing discussion as to the food on offer in the canteen."

"Newid gwysg ysgol. Cael cysgod o'r haul / glaw yn y lle chware. Newid system giwio yn y ffreitir. Dewis ble mae disgyblion yn cofrestru. cael amrywiaeth gwell o fwyd. rhoi barn ar bethau yng nghyfarfod Llywodraethwyr. Helpu dewis prifathro." (Changing school uniform. Having shelter from the sun / rain in the play area. Changing the queuing system in the canteen. Choice of where pupils register. Better selection of food. Give opinions in Governors' meetings. Help choose headteacher)

"New bike shelter, Active voice in school modernisation, Active voice in town developements, Active voice in school appointments (5x60 officer), Active voice in school fund raising,"

"Green Flag award for third time Second Fairtrade award Leading development of school playground Taking part in various DVD'S and attending the launch of 1 in Cardiff."

"Third Green Flag award Stage 3 Healthy schools Phase one of our Grounds for growth appeal WHole school self evaluation event Met with Children's Commisioner."

"Playground Design."

"Developing the playground."

"grounds for improvements raising money for charity giving pupils onfidence to speak up for themselves."

"Codi arian tuag at elusennau gwahanol Helpu i wella sefyllfaoedd ar bysiau Bod a cyfrifoldeb yn cyfweiliadau athrawon newydd i'r ysgol Cael pleidlais pam yn penderfynnu ble mae arian yn cael ei wario yn yr ysgol." (Raise money for charities. Helped to improve the situation on the buses. Having responsibility for interviewing new teachers. Having a vote when decisions are made on where money is spent in the school)

“Bod yn gymorth i PLC Ail Iaith strwythuro cynllun i gynyddu'r defnydd o Gymraeg wirfoddol ymysg disgyblion ar draws yr ysgol.” (Give support to second language scheme PLC to increase the use of Welsh voluntarily among pupils).

“Reviewed school planners making a film for primary/secondary transition involvement in secondary modernisation.”

“Put benches in the yard. Or was that the rear before?”

“New outdoor eating areas Participation in appointment of new Head Fund raising for various charities.”

“Organised recycling in school.”

“Food availability in the canteen - healthier and wider range of choice.”

“Involved in the debate over Schools Modernisation.”

“Outdoor furniture Questioning of Secondary Modernisation team.”

“Participated in various consultations with Powys Youth Service, e.g. the Powys Arts Strategy; Powys Music provision. Fundraising for various overseas projects, notably Madagascar. Fundraising for Diabetes UK. Visits to Westminster, the Senedd and participating in many CEWC Cymru events.”

“Participation at CEWC Cymru mock elections. Extensive fundraising. Support of pupils & teachers with various requests for help both financial and practical.” “Participation in various Powys Youth Strategies, for example Arts, Youth Service Provision, Music. Asked to give presentation to Powys Headteachers. Going Global - making and maintaining many worldwide links. Comenius project/visit to Italy. Visits to both Westminster and Y Senedd. Participated in WAG Good Practice research.”

“World School Council Fundraising for a school in Madagascar. Eco Schools Pupul Training in various events.”

“Presenting to the modernisation committee a very good case.”

School Council reps' comments:-

“No.”

“Taking part in Powys school modernization talks, addition of a hood to the 6th form uniform.”

“We had a meeting with the powys governors about our school.”

“The modernisation meeting.”

“Green Flag, Tuck shop Fairtrade Being filmed.”

“Healthy School's Award visited MAYOR'S Council Chambers.”

“No.”

“Improved student participation in school events (fund raisers e.t.c).

“Promoted healthy eating within the school. Opened up the school Quad for pupil use. Represented the pupil body during the Informal Consultation stage of the Powys School Modernisation Program.”

“Review of the school planners Making a film for the year 6 who are coming up to our school in the summer Benches put around the school.”

“Review of school planner make a film for year 6's who are moving up secondary school modernisation.”

“Reviewed the school planners In the process of making a film about the school for primary schools secondary modernisation consultation.”

“Autumn term reviewed the school planners, production of a film about the school for primary school students, secondary modernisation, promoted healthy eating within the school, opened school Quad for pupils use and placed new benches and a mural within it.”

“Making a film for year 7 improving planner Secondary Modernisation.”

“Creating a video about the school for year 6 students. Improved the format and style of the pupil planners. Changed the set up of the merit system to make it more eco-friendly and giving the pupils a better chance of winning a merit prize.”

“Making a video for primary schools changed school planners.”

“Creating a video for year 6 students about the school. Change the format and style of the student planners. Change the set up for the merit system to make it more ecofriendly and giving pupils a bigger chance of earning a prize.”

“Changed the School Planners. In the process of making a film for primary schools. Secondary school modernisation meeting. Painting a mural.”

“Changed School Planners Making a film for Primary School students secondary school modernisation Painting a mural in the quad.”

“Making a video of the school for primary school children.”

“Made a video of our school to the people visiting.”

“Creating a video of the school for primary school children. Changed the style of the students planner's. Changed the merit system so all the merits will come in so all pupils achievements will be recorded.”

“we are making a video for the year 6's we have tried to convince the council to save our school.”

“Making a film for primary schools improving the planners Secondary modernisation,”

“Changing Pupil Planners Healthy School Eating.”

“Changing pupil planners, painting a mural, healthing schools meetings with other schools.”

“veav of school planners, in process of making a film about the school for primary schools, and we have been involved in post 16.”

-improving pupil planners. -painting a mural in the quad. -healthy schools meetings with other schools."
 "Making a dvd about the school to give to the primary schools, New Planners, healthier food."
 "Designing new and advanced planners. making a DVD about the school for primary schools. Healthy food."
 "Reviewed the school planner, Making a film for primary school children coming up to high school, Met with modernisation officers about post 16 and modernisation."
 "Wouldn't you like to know? Nah....jokes, They have reviewed the school pupil planner, making a helpful film for the upcoming year 7 pupils to help them fit in the High School :-)"
 "BINS (OUTDOOR) FOOTBALLS, RUGBY BALLS, TENNIS BALLS, EYCLING POFICIENCY COURSE."
 "We have a buddy sistum for poeple ho have no freinds can play with someone or talk about there problems. we have also got some new rugby balls and footballs."
 "Bought footballs and rugby balls cricket equipemnt. picnic tables buddy system. cycling proficiency test."
 "Outdoor picnic tables. marking football pithes."
 "Talked about people getting bullied. get buddy system going. buy sports things. picnic benches. dustbins. bike test."
 "Cael y mwga hefo'i press. mae nhw wedi llwyddo gwneud llawer o pethau eraill." (Fundraised for the MUGA. They have succeeded in many other things)
 "helpu noddï MUGA" (Help sponsor the MUGA)
 "helpu gydar muga." (Help with the MUGA)
 "muga."
 "Mwga."
 "Mwga."
 "mwga."
 "Y MWGA Diwrnodau achosion da" (The MUGA. Good/useful events)
 "dim yn siwr" (Not sure)
 "mae nhw yn trafod am dan peithau mae nhw eisiau neud efo yr ysgol yn y dyfordol." (They have discussed services they want with the school in the future).
 "¿"
 "mae cyngor ysdgol wedi llwyddo i cael arian i pobl yn yr ysgol chwerae pel droed ac rygbi ac i 6ed dosbarth mymd i uganda a cobras i de africa." (The school council succeeded in fundraising for football/rugby pitch and for the sixth form to go to Uganda and the cobras to South Africa)
 "Mae yr cyngor ysgol wedi llwyddo i gael arian i cael cwrt i chwerae pel fasedg a pel rhwyd." (The school council has succeeding in fundraising for a basketball/network court).
 "cael mwga hefo ei pres Mae nhw wedi llwyddo i gwneud llawer o pethau gyda ei pres nhw." (Fundraised for the MUGA. They have succeeded in doing lots of other things with the money too).
 "helpur ysgol cael yr cwrt peldroed/pel basged." (Help the school get a football/basketball court).
 "Mae'r cyngor ysgol wedi llwyddo i casglu digon o bres i bry6nnu rhyw sort o Mwga." (The school council has succeeded in fundraising for some sort of MUGA).
 "Mwga(cae pel fasedg)." (MUGA – basketball court).
 "Mwga (cae pel fasedg)." (MUGA – basketball court).
 "Mwga - sef yr cwrt pel fasedg ac cwrt pel droed." (MUGA – basketball court and football pitch).
 "mwga."
 "We have been involved in organising the M.U.G.A we have been involved in interveivs in the past and some today we sort out any bus problems some of us have been involved with S.N.A.G and helped sort out the healthy eating i nthe school."
 "building muga buses improving"
 "moogra"
 "MUGA SORTED OUT THE BUSES."
 "issues on the bus multi use games area."
 "mooga bus's."
 "Sorted out buses interviews for certain jobs mooga."
 "Making the M.U.G.A, and sorting out busses."
 "Multi Use Games Area."
 "bus problems e.g SEAT BELTS,FOOD FUGHTS ECT....."
 "We have interviewed some counsil members about the school closures and have improved behaviuor on the busses."
 "The MUGA Sorting bus problems SNAG."
 "m.u.g.a (multi use games area)."
 "Sorting bus problems Creating the outdoor games area Various issues one may have within the classrooms."
 "Outdoor sports area Sorting bus problems Organise events."
 "Outdoor sports area Sort out problems with the bus SNAG group Suggested different ideas to improve the school."

"mugger." ("MUGA")

"moga."

"M.U.G.A."

"The muga the school is tidier."

"Getting the MUGA."

"The creation of the muga (multi use gaming area) prom pupils ideas."

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"Cael arian." (Fundraising)

"fundraising helped out on open evenings sponsorship."

"No can't."

"fund raising."

"Giving money to children who need it also we have work to employ a person to keep facilities clean."

"Given money to people to request and give a reason."

"Dragons Den (Financial Help) Visit Westminster."

"Helping the Powys youth service fundraised helped out at open evenings given money to children for sponsorship."

"WE HAVE HELED PEOPLE BY GIVING THEM FUNDS OF MONEY E.G CLUBS THAT NEED MONEY E.T.C HELPING THE POWYS YOUTH SERVICE. FUNDRISED. HELP IMPROVE THE SCHOOL. ORGANISED TRIPS. BEEN ON TRIPS. HAVE BEEN PART OF THE DRAGONS DEN TEAM."

"Helping the powys youth service, fund raised, given up money for children who want sponsorship.visit to westminster dragons den."

"Helped with the arts strategy,open evenings,gave out money for kids who ask to be sponsored, bin part of dragons den,we have bin to Westminster."

"Helping the youth service. Help[ed] with the art and music strategy. Giving money to people who have asked us through letters. Loads of fundraising. Rag bag."

"Dragons den."

"Helping the youth service. helped with art and music strategy. fundraising. Doing projects. Trip to Westminster."

"Helping the Powys Youth Service Fundraised Given out money to children who have asked for sponsorship Helped out at open evenings Visited Westminster."

"Lived it large with MP Roger Williams Dragon's Den Art/Music strategy."

"Helping the Powys Youth Service Art/Music strategy Sponsorships Fundraising Dragon's Den team Supporting open evenings Visiting the Houses of Parliament Kickin' it with MP Roger Williams."

"dragons den , art strategy , music strategy ,employment of cleaner."

"Been to westminster been to senedd Talked to head of powys county council in a meeting Gave money to pupils who need it Advertised Dragons den

been to italy,"

"No..well we made a magazine, but not much else....."

"None."

"Organising charity events."

"We have decided on many charity events and what charities we donate the money to. We have addressed issues regarding the school canteen and seen considerable improvements following the meeting."

"Re-elected headteacher Took part in the modernisation debate Uniform debates with headteacher."

Would you like to say any more about this rep?

Pupils' comments:-

"Attends all meetings and feedbacks to the form."

"I feel that not only has s/he not been going to school council meetings, s/he does not pass ideas from the form to the school council when s/he does go."

"They have made a few changes to our school so far like helped get interactive white boards.also represented us in meetings that are important and could help us stay the way we are."

"They've made a couple of changes to our school so far like, helped get interactive whiteboards and have represented us in the meetings that are important and could help us stay the way we are."

"Our reps are good."

"they have made a couple of changes to the school so far."

"They are good and like to get involved."

"they are very good."

"are reps are good."

"it is a very good rep, and is very nice and kind and gets the job done !"

"no thanks"

"No."
 "no."
 "Our form rep is very confident and likes to discuss things with the other reps and teachers."
 "No."
 "they have too much work to do already someone else in the 6th form should go not just head team!"
 "no."
 "Yes she is bright and has good ideas."
 "yes she is quite bright."
 "They are hardworking and right for the job."
 "They mention all the things that we the form want them to say at the meetings."
 "no not really."
 "no."
 "kind and listens."
 "One of my friends are in the school rep and tries hard to make sure our voice is heard."
 "no i wouldn't."
 "I think our reps are doing great because they have been giving their own time to go to these meetings and sort our school out."
 "she always tries to help."
 "no."
 "sophie and stuart are really good the council just doesn't meet often enough."
 "He makes sure everyone is ok."
 "I think he knows how we feel and what new stuff we would like in the school."
 "THANK YOU."
 "The Spick For yous."
 "no."
 "no."
 "they are good."
 "they are my friends and I can talk to them."
 "NO."
 "NICE PEOPLE."
 "No, he/she does her job but is still has no effect on the school as a whole."
 "He often feeds back to the class but isn't very confident to ask us for issues."
 "no"
 "no"
 "no"
 "not much to say, tbh I love you jessiiieeee xxx p.s T.T is FFIIITTTTT ! Tom.....she made me say it xxxx sorry ."
 "not really."
 "Aweful."
 "No."
 "Be more enthusiastic - take the classes opinions into account."
 "She goes to all meetings and seems very interested in school issues."
 "The form reps in my class are quite effective because they put our views forward. They also feed back to us very well."
 "he's the most effective of them all"
 "She's got niceish hair."
 "they do not report back to us!!!!!"
 "good representative of class mates."
 "as year 13 is a highly important year they do not have all the time in the world to commit themselves to discuss certain issues in the school therefore i feel there is no communication between the rep and the other pupils."
 "very keen on hearing pupils thoughts and passing our ideas onto the council."
 "no."
 "Nope."
 "he is milo."
 "no"
 "no"
 "They are very helpful and friendly."
 "They are very friendly."
 "not really."
 "No, he is good, and discusses our issues in the meetings"
 "he is ok, but he is not that sensible."
 "my form rep's attendance is very low, so he hasn't been to many meetings but the YEAR rep is quite handy."

"She informs about meetings she went to."

How is school council information feedback to other pupils?

School Council reps' comments:-

"dim yn gwybod." (Don't know).

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"person sydd yn yr cygor ysgol mae o yn dweud wrth ei ddosbarth." (School council rep tells the class)

"trafod yn ein ddosbarth." (Discuss in our class).

"we tell our form."

"we tell our forms, form tutors supply information as well."

"Unsure."

"dunno."

On average, how often is school council information feedback to pupils? 'Other' responses:

Pupils' comments:-

"Almost never."

"Not really at all."

"dont know may be non-existent."

"never."

"never."

"every time they go to a meeting."

"We get told about 3-4 times a month."

"varies."

"a lot."

"once a yr."

"never."

"mrs James tells us."

"mrs james does half termly."

"when theres meetings"

"NEVER x !!!"

"n/a"

"Over 9000 years."

"never."

"never."

"never."

"Never."

"Never."

Staff comments:-

"unknown."

"infrequently and vague."

"Half termly and when urgent matters arise that need to be disseminated among student body."

"Never."

"Not a form teacher."

School Council reps' comments:-

"dont know!"

"after meetings take place."

"unsure."

"After a meeting the minutes are sent out and reps should "read out and discuss" but I dont know if they do."

"Yn dibynnu ar yr aelod." (Depends on the member)

"bob amser mae nhw yn cael cyfarfod." (Everytime after they have a meeting)

"dim llawer." (Not a lot)

"Mae'r Person o'r cygor ysgol ddim 'really' yn dod a gwybodaeth i ni." (The school council rep doesn't really give us information).

"I dont know if the information is ever officially feedback to pupils."

"Unsure."

"None."

"None."

"Never."

"It isn't regular. It depends on whether the form rep. feeds back the information or not."

On average, how quickly is school council information feedback to your pupils?

School Council reps' comments:-

"every tuesday after."

"not that quick."

"unsure"

"2 weeks."

"Within 1-3 days."

"Quite"

"Within an hour or so"

"Quite"

"the next day"

"next day"

"Whenever the secretary (me) writes the minutes, the record for this is 2 days after a meeting. The longest time has been 3 weeks."

"The following day"

"Mae'n dibynnu ar yr aelod o'r cyngor sydd yn y dosbarth. Dydy rhai ddim yn cyflwyno gwybodaeth o gwbl." (It depends on the form's school council member. Some don't feedback any information at all.)

"Very slowly."

"dont know"

"within the next few days"

"Very slowly"

"The morning after a meeting."

"Pretty quick"

"depending on importance, no longer than a few days"

"not very"

"Depends on the importance, but usually takes no longer than a few days."

"Quickly"

"Quickly"

"Quite"

"quite"

"Not that quickly"

"quite"

"quite quickly"

"Quick"

"Every three weeks"

"quickly"

"every month"

"the next assembly after the school council meeting"

"about every week"

"Not very quickly."

"Quite quick"

"the next week"

"next week"

"next week"

"The next week"

"1 week"

"yn y gwers tutor mae nhw yn dweud i ni yr gwybodaeth." (The lesson tutor tells us the information).

"ar ol bob gyfarfod" (After each meeting)

"pob mis" (Every month)

"dim yn gyflym iawn" (Not very quickly)

"gyflym" (Quickly)

"gyflim" (Quickly)

"dim yn gyflym iawn" (Not very quickly)

"ddim yn aml" (Not often)

"pob mis" (Every month)

"etha gyflym" (Quite quickly)

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"pob wythnos" (Every week)

"Rhywbryd ar ol y cyfarfod cyngor yr ysgol" (Sometime after the school council meeting).

"Mae yr gweubodaeth yn dod i'r disgyblion yn ethaf gyflym oherwydd mae yr athro wedi bod yn yr cygor ysgol ag yn dweud wrth ni pryd mae hi yn dod nhw" (The information comes to us quickly because the teacher has been in the school council and she tells us).

"1/2 ddiwrnod!" (Half a day)
 "Dim ond os mae athrawes tiwtorial yn gofyn wrth y person yna!" (Only if the tutorial teacher asks that person).
 "Rydw i'n meddwl fod yr newyddion o'r cyngor ysgol yn gorfod dod yn syth iawn." (I think that school council news has to come straight away).
 "Ddim yn gyflym ond ddim yn araf. Mae'r gwybodaeth yn dod yn 'gradually'" (Not quickly but not slowly. The information comes gradually).
 "yn syth" (Straight away)
 "1 waith pob mis" (Once a month)
 "10 minutes"
 "its okay but could be faster"
 "quickly"
 "quick"
 "the next day"
 "Depends if the teacher remembers to tell us."
 "very quickly"
 "quickly"
 "quite quick sometimes the next day"
 "1 week"
 "week after"
 "quite quickly on average about monthly and maybe fortnightly"
 "I dont think that it happens very quickly as most of my form have no idea of what we discuss in these meetings"
 "quite quick"
 "within a few days"
 "reasonably quickly"
 "Not very quickly, but things take time"
 "The feedback is given the next morning from the Meeting. So it is Monthly."
 "quickly"
 "The same day as the meeting."
 "The next day and takes 10 minutes"
 "good fast"
 "verry fast"
 "next day...sometimes"
 "not very fast"
 "Yn araf." (Slowly)
 "ddim yn gyflym iawn" (Not very quickly)
 "quite quickly"
 "quickly"
 "very"
 "quite"
 "very"
 "Every week"
 "not that often"
 "not verry quick"
 "fast"
 "fairly quickly"
 "STRAIGHT AFTER A MEETING."
 "very quickly"
 "about 30mins-60mins"
 "There is not time to feed back to are fellow pupils because of the amount of time in are registration"
 "There is no time to feedback to the pupils because of the amount of time time in regestration."
 "BIBLICALLY FAST."
 "Unquestionably expeditious - 'like a bat outta hell!'"
 "DURING THE NEXT SEVEN DAYS"
 "quite quickly because we all gossip"
 "NO"
 "Not very."
 "it isn't"
 "Depending on the school council rep, usually quickly."
 "Some will receive the information on the Monday after the Friday meeting, others will not receive it until much later."
 "Not fast"

Why do you think this (about how seriously pupils take the school council)?

School Council reps' comments:-

"because there is hardly any help and if we have meeting's people distract me and they dont care if people are trying to change are school!"

"i don't know."

"Because there not really bothered what happens because what people think is that if you have an idea nobody is going to listen to you."

"Because people want to improve the school."

"To look after our school"

"I've never asked them to find out."

"some people don't listen"

"The school council is still a ticket out of PSE lessons as opposed to an opportunity to participate in the School. I think this is due to the link teacher not being able to give the correct support to the council thus people lose interest. There is also the members who have been on the council in previous years still think that it is an excuse to miss PSE (which in itself is another debate entirely)"

"Lack of understanding of their role"

"Dim cymaint o gyfrifoldeb i'r Cyngor. Cyfarfodydd yn cael eu gohirio/canslo oherwydd streiciau, arholiadau a.y.y.b." (Not so much responsibility for the school council. Meetings are postponed because of strikes, exams etc.)

"Generally good image of the school council."

"the meetings are at lunch time and this puts them off a bit."

"because it will affect their school"

"Because it is a good oportunity for the pupils to air their opinion on the school and changes within the school"

"Students want to be members and a number of elections are taken place so the roles on the council are resepected and taken seriously."

"because it is important to the school"

"Students want to be members, and take their responsibility seriously."

"They support the school council."

"The pupils are committed to the school, and care about the future of the school"

"because i do."

"because they are part of school"

"Pupils can influence what happens at the school."

"because pupils ask us to improve the school by doing stuff"

"because they are paaionate about what happens to the school"

"Because there's no biscuits and because it's not seen as cool."

"becaues they help you"

"because people think it's not cool to be on the school council."

"because the council change the fate of the school"

"Because they dont think its cool."

"Because they care about the future of the school"

"things get done"

"we get things don"

"we get things done"

"things get done"

"we listen to the other students"

"achos mae'n rhan oi bywyd" (Because it's part of life).

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"ddim yn gwybod" (Don't know)

"ryden nhw ddim rili'n cael gwybod llawer" (They don't really know much)

"ddim eisiau gwybod" (Don't want to know)

"ddim eisiau gwybod" (Don't want to know)

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"does neb yn siarad am y cyngor ysgol" (Noone talks about the school council)

"mae'n iawn" (It's fine)

"oherwydd mae nhw eisiau wybod beth syn mynd mlaen yn y ysgol." (Because they want to know what's happening in the school)

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"does gynnwch i dddim" (Because they haven't got one)

"Oherwydd mae nhw yn cymryd y cyngor ysgol yn dda a mae nhw eisio gwella yr ysgol ac cael mwy o syniadau" (Because they take the school council well and they want to better the school and have more ideas).

"Oherwydd wyt ti yn gallu trefnu pethau" (Because you can organise things)

"?????????????"

“Wel, 1 mae nhw yn cael 'misio' dipyn bach o amser dosbarth felly mae hyn yn gwneud nhw yn llawer mwy hapus!” (Well, 1 they can miss a little bit of class time and this then makes them a lot happier!)

“Rydw i'n meddwl fod o'n bwysig i cael cyngor ysgol oherwydd os does yna ddim fydd y'r ysgol ddim yn drefnus iawn.” (I think it's important to have a school council otherwise the school will not be very organised).

“MAe rhai pobl yn meddwl bod y cyngor ysgol yn bwysig iawn oherwydd efallai fydd y school ddim mor threfnus. Mae'r rhan fwyaf o bobly yn cymryd y cyngor ysgol yn o ddifri.” (Some people think the school council is very important because otherwise perhaps the school wouldn't be so organised. The majority of people take the school council seriously).

“oherwydd heb ni, bydd yna ddim ysgol / cyngor ysgol” (because without us there will be no school / school council)

“achos mae o yn pwysig” (Because it's important).

“because some people think that nothing gets done”

“because we play a big part in school life”

“because it's good to give the opinions of pupils in our forms”

“Because people respect our ideas”

“cause their interested”

“no one really knows what we, the school council do.”

“because they never have a symbol of responceability on the're face”

“because they know we can make the school better for them”

“because we all share our problems with the school and try and improve it”

“I think that a lot of poeple dont acctually care what goes on, or they think they are too cool to care. This is the case lower down the school, I think that as they get further up the interset grows people know about it , and think about it.”

“because it concerns the future of our school”

“It's strong enough to make changes”

“Because everyone wants a better school, no matter what”

“Most people take it seriously because it's their ideas.”

“they havnt been told about it”

“The havnt been told enough about the responsibilities that the member of the council benafit from.”

“The form really wants to know what is going on in the school and how it affects them.”

“because t make school a better environment”

“because they allways listen.”

“most members bring pupils ideas to the council meetings”

“Mae nhw byth yn cwrdd.” (They're never at meetings)

“they know its there job”

“they dont really care”

“its just they come up with good ideas”

“because most people don't no whats actually going on.”

“just do”

“Because the school council is very good also they are very good at raising money”

“not shore”

“because certain former members have given it a bad name by exposing themselves to other pupils”

“BECAUSE WE ARE IMPORTANT TO HELP IMPROVE THE SCHOOL.”

“becaus ethey would like to make their school a better place and help other people”

“because the school counsil is a very important issue to the school.”

“Because they are unaware of what we do to help the school and what changes we make.”

“Because they are unaware of what we do to to help the school and what changes we make to the school, they just take it for granted.”

“Because certain former members have given it a bad name through the exposure of revealing pictures.”

“Because it's intense. Although the opinions are marred by certain council members 'revealing' themselves to other school pupils, giving the council an almost permanent bad name... Tsk tsk.”

“BECAUSE school council is key”

“because they think lots of school council members are nerds”

“BECAUSE THEY HATE US!!”

“Not enoygh inspiration or involvement”

“because the school never takes action in what the pupils want to change about the school.”

“The people who were nominated were nominated for a reason: they were serious about it and would attend meetings, etc...”

“I think that they do not perhpaps realise that they are able to give suggestions of matters to be discussed in the meeting. They therefore think that it is just a council that are very 'private' and do not ask pupils outside the council to contribute to the agenda of the meetings. I think that they also do not receive neough information back from school council so they cannot see what matters we discuss so that they can add their own opinion or appreciate the responsibilities we have.”

“They don't see the hard work put into running it”

What would increase (pupils') interest (in the school council)?

Staff comments:-

“promotion of school council, relevant day trips things to make it look 'Cool'”

“hoffen i wybod!” (I would like to know!)

“More feedback to learning mentor groups. More regular meetings for learning mentor reps. Give tutor groups to suggest & recommend how things are done on a more regular basis”

“Unknown”

“Probably a consumable reward.”

“i am unsure??”

“More achievements”

Why do you think your school's way of choosing school council reps isn't fair?

Pupils' comments:-

“The popular people are chosen.”

“Pupils choose their friends over whose good for the position.”

“because if people want to be on the school council they should let them.”

“Because people usually vote for the most popular and not the best person for the role.”

“It's always the popular people who are chosen, not the ones who would actually turn up.”

“the way the lower young people vote is good but they dont much about a school council! there should be a vote in the 6th form too!”

“They might not want to do it.”

“There is no chance for pupils to explain why they will be a good council rep.”

“because they always vote for there freinds.”

“They need a secret ballot and have candidates who take their role seriously.”

“Because others may volunteer but the favourite would be picked by the majority of the class.”

*“cba” (Can't be a*sed)*

“Some people might be shy to volunteer or nominate them selfs infront of other people.”

“because some teacher have favourites, forexample they like to pick the pupils who are full welsh as they feel they are more possitive about these things.”

“because they might not want to do it.”

“Because if you don't want to be it it's stupid.”

“because its a popularity contest.”

“because it's basically a popularity vote. Your friend's will vote for their friend's and so on. The person who isn't right for the job or might just mess around and not take it seriously might end up getting it and the person who really wanted it and would've been a great person to be the role of school/form council rep would be left without the chance to take it.”

“People vote for their friends.”

School Council reps' comments:-

“Because children may be not be as liked as the other candidates and the best choice for the council may not be selected because of popularity.”

“Because if young people vote, they may have something against you, think your'e a nerd or something like that, the vote may not be based on the best man for the job, it could possibly just be based on popularity.”

“Oherwydd rydych angen rhywun sydd gen cyfrifoldeb, dim fel busnes poblogaidd ac yn fy marn i bysaf y athrawon yn gallu dewis disglybion i fod ar y cyngor ysgol ac yn gwneud o yn fwy deg.” (Because you need someone who has responsibility, not like a popularity contest and in my opinion that teachers can choose pupils to be school council reps and make it more fair)

“Oherwydd wyrach fod y person yna yn cael mwy o ffrindiau n'ar pobl arall yn y dosbarth felly mae'r pobl arall yn colli allan. A wyrach fod y person yna ddim yn dda iawn am fod yn y Cyngor Ysgol dim ond yn gwneud o i 'scipio' gwersi!” (Because maybe that person has more friends than other people in the class so they lose out. And maybe that person isn't very good on the school council but does it to skip classes!).

*“Because somebody may want to vounteener to become a mamber of the school council and help the way that ***** high school progresses.”*

“Because people always vote for the more popular people and for close friends. Some of the members don't evan want to join to help but to miss lessons. But that doesn't really happen here. Also some people bribe people to vote for them.”

“Because friends vote for friends and they might not even want to be in the school council. I think that people who want to be in the school council should be allowed instead of the "popular" ones.”

“Because some people use bribes like sweets for people to vote for them.”

How often have you spoken to your school council rep about a school council issue in the past 12 months? ‘Other’ comments:

Pupils’ comments:-

“every school day.”

“every school day.”

“quite a lot.”

“Sometimes.”

“a few times.”

“dont know who they are.”

“over 9000 years .”

“quite a few times.”

“occasionally.”

“occasionally.”

Is there any reason why (you feel you can/can’t talk to your school council rep/get involved in your school’s school council)?

Pupils’ comments:-

“I feel I can talk to the school council rep because he's my friend. But I don't feel like I can get involved with the school council.”

“I don't know who they are, when they meet, and what they do. I've been at my school for almost a year and I've never been told who the school council is.”

“I feel as if the school wont listen to what I have to say, and neither will my school council rep.”

“because i can rely on the reps and keep secrets secrets and help when you have a problem that is affecting you.”

“Because I can rely on the reps to help make situations better.”

“No”

“no not what i can think of at this moment.”

“yes they will take what you say back to the meetings.”

“they take your questions to the meetings.”

“no.”

“because i would a bit scared.”

“Because theres nothing to talk about.”

“no.”

“don't know.”

“The reps like to share everything with the class and don't mind telling anyone.”

“Because they are very friendly.”

“friendly, supportive and helpful.”

“i dont know who they are.”

“Yes we can, but there is less of an emphasis on school council now we're in the 6th form. Especially in upper sixth form, as we have other things to be doing!”

“You are thought of as weird if you show you're bothered about the council. It's a joke.”

“nope.”

“Not clear who they are.”

“other pupils from your year that you know.”

“they seem to encourage this.”

“I don't know who it is.”

“dunno who they are.”

“no.”

“yes because theres plenty on the group and their in are form everyday.”

“no.”

“because they are kind and nice.”

“pen and pencil not included so i can't write.”

“No.”

“no.”

“no.”

“he listens.”

“In my form our teacher get them to report back to us. If we don't agree with them we tell them our opinion and tell them how they could change the school for better.”

“yes there is a reason because i dont like talking that much.”

"I can because one of the reps is my friend who i have known since primary and it is easy to talk to them about school problems as she listens and understands me."

"no."

"no."

"Freindly :)."

"not sure who my school council reps are."

"COSE ITS GOOD."

"They both lison."

"no."

"no."

"they would listen."

"she listens."

"BUDGET!"

"CAN TALK TO THEM."

"cos they lisun."

"Even if you do talk, you safley know nothing will happen."

"Dont know who they are."

"I feel I can talk to the rep but it would not involve me in the school council."

"No one really cares about school council."

"no."

"no."

"They are very freindly and nice and they will listen to you."

"Because they are all so full of them selfs, and i dont have any friends in the council. sorry again."

"because no 1 loves me But jesss does xxxx !"

"Because there is never any oppertunity to voice your opinion."

"I feel no reason against speaking with them, I simply don't feel concerned."

"the cake is a lie."

"I DONT HAVE A CLUE WHO THIS HUMAN BEING IS."

"If there was something I felt strongly about, I could address my council rep."

"H is my friend and will listen to me."

"No."

"They are very friendly."

"He is my friend."

"he's my bitch!!!"

"she's got ears."

"they are too shy i my oppinion and they dont report so i have nothing to ask about."

"easy to get on with."

"no."

"i feel that what is said in the meeting stays in the meetings, as many pupils find the meeting bored and cant wait to leave, as many are the meeting as in welsh and there are a number of pupils which dont understand advanced welsh."

"they are friendly and want to spend time listening to our thoughts."

"dont know who they are."

"no."

"No."

"hhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhi."

"No."

"no."

"no."

"They listen to what you say."

"No."

"when we give an idea they bring it up in the meetings... i think."

"when we say something they hardly bring it up in the meeting.... i dont think. Well there has been no sign of my ideas."

"No."

"they are kind and easy to talk to."

"because they don't listen."

"nothing will be done."

What is the role of your school's link teacher / school council coordinator? 'Other' comments:

Pupils' comments:-

"Other pupils like me have not been told who it is."

"link teacher? ...what is this?"

“fundraising.”
“no clue...sorry x !”
“I dont know.”
“Help out when needed.”
“Help out.”

Staff comments:-

“i dont know.”
“Supporting action planning, action and review process.”
“Keep up momentum.”
“Encourage participation in events which will build on pupils confidence and understanding of their role.”

School Council reps' comments:-

“Organise meetings.”
“?”
“sometimes there.”
“It's to make sure I suggest all my form's ideas so they get forward so we know what other people want throuout the school.”
“supply the sweets.”
“website aminastrator.”
“Website administrator.”

What other responsibilities does your school's current link teacher / school council coordinator have?

Staff comments:-

“Deputy head teacher”
“Wellbeing, Senior teacher”
“Teaching”
“Head of senior department”
“geography co ordinator head of senior dept”
“Unknown”
“Galw cyfarfod pan fo athrawon yn gofyn am gyngor gan y Cyngor” (Call a meeting when teachers ask for advice from the council).
“NA”
“Publicise meetings”
“I would have thought those are plenty!”
“Deputy head”
“Support what the school council want to do.”
“Senior Management role”
“Management Teaching”
“Assistant Head”
“Assistant head – curriculum”
“ESDGC Coordinator; Healthy Schools Coordinator, Eco School Coordinator, Work Experience Coordinator, Secretary to Head Teacher, Covers lessons, International Development coordinator, SNAG Group Coordinator, teaches small groups of pupils, Comenius UK Coordinator of European project on Water.”
“International links Fund raising ESGDC”
“Motivate and facilitate the school council's action”

School Council reps' comments:-

“don't know”
“teaches 'normal' lessons.”
“head of key stage 4”
“Don't know.”
“I do not know.”
“don't know”
“class teacher watches HLTA's and teachers teaching”
“PE Teacher, Assistant Head of Sixth form (He's crap at all)”
“Not Sure”
“Dirprwy Benaeth y Chweched Dosbarth.” (Deputy Head of the Sixth Form).
“Assistant Head.”

"if there is a disagreement they will have a vote. bringing up any thing that the school needs to do, to encourage pupils to have a say."
 "Make sure meetings happen Pass on information"
 "Organise the meetings Pass on information"
 "make sure meetings happen pass on information"
 "Organise meetings Pass on information"
 "member of seiner manager team."
 "member of senior msnger team"
 "Make sure meeting's go ahead."
 "membver of senior manager team"
 "member of school team"
 "Inform Us When Meetings Are"
 "Inform pupils of meetings, gives advice, doesn't supply biscuits and informs puils of progress of projects."
 "member of the senior management team"
 "inform pupils of Council meetings. gives advice. informs pupils of progress made."
 "He has to do Chair some eetings and deliever the discussions."
 "Not sure"
 "Welsh and PSHE teacher"
 "pshe teacher and welsh"
 "pshe and welsh"
 "welsh and pshe teacher"
 "teach pshe & welsh"
 "Gwneud siwr bod y plant sydd yn y cyngor ysgol yn mynd ir cyfarfodau" (Make sure that school council reps go to school council meetings)
 "?"
 "trefnu dwrnodau edrych ar ol yr ysgol mynd i cyfarfodiadau" (Organise events, looking after the school, going to meetings)
 "cadw trefn ar y cyngor" (Keeping order in the school council)
 "cadw trefn ar y cyngor" (Keeping order in the school council)
 "cadw trefn ar y cyngor" (Keeping order in the school council)
 "ddim yn gwybod" (Don't know)
 "dim yn gwybod" (Don't know)
 "?"
 "Mae athro angen gwrando ar barn pobl arall ac helpu gydag ac gwneud beth mae disgyblion yn dweud."
 (The teacher needs to listen to other people's opinions and help to do what the pupils say)
 "I helpu a trafod efo grwp tiwtorial am sut i wella yr ysgol ac nodi lawr unrhyw syniadau eraill" (To help discuss with the group how to improve the school and write down any other ideas)
 "Gwneud yn siwr bod y plat sydd yn yr cynor ysgol yn mynd i yr cyfarfod" (Make sure that school council reps go to the meetings)
 "ddim yn rhan or cyngor ysgol?????" (Not part of school council?????)
 "dim yn gwybod" (Don't know)
 "i bod yn athrawon dda" (Be good teachers)
 "i dont know"
 "don't know"
 "Lead there year group"
 "to sort out problems"
 "deciding"
 "?????"
 "??"
 "link between council and seniour link team."
 "to organise any thing that the pupils cannot do them selves and to keep the pupils informed on what is goping on in the school"
 "Ensuring school coucil discussions are brought into staff meetings. To support views and elaborate ideas."
 "Keep the council meetings in order"
 "Make sure that all discussions are held fairly and resonable. To ensure that all our ideas are included. tells the teachers abotu what is happening in the school council meetings"
 "Pass new items onto the representatives"
 "write down ideas and keep the meeting organised"
 "organise the meetiongs"
 "attnend he meetings"
 "being with dod"
 "i don't know"

"to give the year what they want"
 "help sort out school council trips, is the eco coordinator, she does the website"
 "Organise trips to educational places"
 "organise trips ESDGC Co-ordinator"
 "ORGANISES THE MEETINGS. GIVES OUT THE SWEETS. READS LETTERS E.T.C GOES ON TRIPS."
 "ORGANISES TRIPS."
 "Keeping everything in order, choosing meeting, organising trips"
 "job within school."
 "Makes sure everyone knows there is a meeting. Make sure everyone is there."
 "Makes sure everyone knows when a meeting is on. Makes sure everyone's there."
 "organises trips ESDGC Co-ordinator cover teacher"
 "ESDGC Co-ordinator Organisation of school trips"
 "web site , cover lesons , ESDGC , Eco , work experience , healthy schools , SNAG , COORDINATOR ."
 "She covers lessons"
 "NO"
 "Dunno."
 "General health and well being of the pupils."

What's the one thing you'd like your school council to sort out?

Pupils' comments:-

"That students have more say about what goes on in the school (no more LCD SCREENS that we dont need)."
 "Let everybody know who they are; I know a lot of people who have been there from year 7 who don't know anything about the school council!"
 "Making sure the students are listened to."
 "i think our school council is fine just the way it is."
 "I think that the school council doesn't need to change anything."
 "Nothing."
 "that we can wear nromal clothes on every Friday."
 "Post 16"
 "Post 16"
 "nothing"
 "modernisation, changing the school and german."
 "the cost of the food. the locker room."
 "The price of food at school, The size of the lockers and The long line in break."
 "nothing"
 "New sports equipment."
 "Don't know."
 "TO KEEP A STAND TO KEEP OPEN *****HIGH SCHOOL!"
 "N/A"
 "dont really know alot about them"
 "Not much really. I am generally happy with the school. They are trying to sort things, fair play, but the pupils aren't co-operating e.g. they have told us to stop littering, but no-one is really listening."
 "One thing? That's a hard one. There's a list of things that need sorting out in my school. The toilets need to be fixed, broken seats, craked mirrors, graffiti from YEARS ago. The graffiti they blame on us, when you can clearly see the dates they were put there. Places to sit outside; and inside for when it is raining and form tutors don't want us in their classes. Extra curricular activities. NOT sport. I am sick to DEATH of people nagging me to join a club, when there is Nothing except sports. How about writing? Drama? Arts? Films? Photography? Health? There are too many to list. Better lunch queuing systems. Hungry, cocky, little year 7's. Need I say more? *Sighs* I would apologise for my boldness, and the amount of writing, but I feel it should be said. While we have brilliant teachers, and the best possible education, I feel it contradicts the not so brilliant side of school life. I have GCSE's coming up, and while I know I HAVE to revise, a little down time having fun, and generally enjoying being where I spend most of my time, would be great. Thank you :)"
 "clensinese of toilets."
 "The toilets and sufficient facilities for 6th form pupils."
 "School uniform."
 "diffent types of food, healthy and non healthy."
 "new music equipment (drums, acoustic guitars)."
 "Dunno."
 "nothing."
 "Bulling"
 "sort out the modernis`ation and save the school."
 "notting"

"bullying"
"the modernisation project."
"Modernisation. And that we are not allowed balls on the playground and we should always be allowed on the field."
"to sort out nothing."
"homework."
"the school dinners."
"toilets"
"Paint work is a bit shoddy, the school uniform as i don't think it is as smart as other schools around this area, I don't think the days should be as long as they are and I think girls should be allowed to wear shorts."
"better food."
"the uniform should be a nicer colour, there should be a summer outfit for the girls AND for the boys."
"the price of the canteen food."
"paintwork."
"school uniform, i hate the coulou(burgandy)."
"More events involving the primary schools."
"More swings to save the queue."
"talking more get playground sort out."
"Nothing at the moment."
"The playground."
"More play time."
"I would like a games room."
"NEWPLAY GROWN KWITMANT."
"Enough food on the salid bar."
"Problems in the school. A pole for the green flag."
"more stuff in the playground."
"more wet play stuff."
"ANY THING."
"sHADY AREA TO PLAY."
"pATHWAY TO TREES OVER GRASS."
"pupils to rearrange classroom."
*"Getting rid of *****."*
"The bathrooms."
"The amount of money the school owes."
"Brecon High School I doubt it somewhat."
"the lines for lunch."
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"The Lines for Lunch."
"The tiolets, and the lines in lunch, more water fountains."
"I would like to see more options at dinner time including wraps."
"wraps on dinner menu."
"afterm school clubs."
"the LOOs !!!!! there is never any PAPER!!!!!! right jess ???!!!!?? x lol"
"i would have liked them to do a lot more outdoor activites; not the ones 5x60 do e.g. kayaking or archery but things like paintballing and themeparks, termly or monthly."
"To offer a wider range of school activities to do."
"I'd have liked it if they helped me to get a class more worthwhile than Welsh, which was simply a waste of 3 lessons a week, to be frank..."
"Their lives."
"sort out the chairs."
"The toilets - a school photo - of the whole school more often and how to get more connections with the council."
"The dinner ques and food supplied at the canteen, by taking survey or something similar."
"Nothing to sort out, just to voice everyone's opinions on the ridiculous proposals for "modernisaion"."
"When a meeting was held in the school, only the opinions of a few school council reps were voiced, and they didn't represent the general consensus on the reforms."
"Not being to eat outside, bringing hoodies back."
"Toilet hygiene."
"the structure of it."
"Everything!!!!!"
"food in the canteen, fresh fruit etc."
"food."

“getting involved and letting everyone benefit out of it.”
“making my own decisions”
“getting to make choices”
“Being involved in meetings.”
“taking part”
“helping others”
“making a jang”
“being listened to”
“helping other students”
“we know about things that are going on”
“dwi ddim yn y cyngor ysgol ond os oedd e fi yn bydd i yn fwynhau trefni pethau” (I’m not on the school council but if I was I would enjoy organising it)
“?”
“heb wedi bod ar y cyngor ysgol” (Have not been on the school council)
“gwybod beth syn digwydd yn yr ysgol” (Knowing what’s happening in the school)
“gwybod beth sydd yn digwydd yn y ysgol” (Knowing what’s happening in the school)
“dewis beth wyt ti’n gwneud gydar pres” (Choosing what to do with the money)
“dydw i ddim yn rhan” (I’m not part of it)
“mae’n hwyl” (it’s fun)
“dwi heb wedi bod rhan.” (I’ve not taken part)
“dwi ddim yn rhan o’r cyngor ysgol” (I’m not part of the school council)
“bod tin gallu rhoi barn dy hun ac esbonio beth ti yn ei dweud.” (You can give your opinion and explain what you say)
“Rydwyf yn fwynhau cymjryd rhan yn y cyngor ysgol oherwydd rydych gallu rhannu syniadau ac mynegi dy farn am syniadau ac pethau arall hefyd” (I enjoy taking part in the school council because you can share ideas and express your opinion about ideas and other things too)
“Dwi ddim yn yr cyngor ysgol.” (I’m not in the school council)
“ddim ar y cyngor ysgol” (I’m not in the school council)
“Dwi ddim yn y cyngor ysgol” (I’m not in the school council)
“Ddim yn aelod o’r cyngor ysgol” (I’m not in the school council)
“cyfranu syniadau.” (Participate in ideas)
“dwi ddim yn o” (I’m not in the school council)
“Giving feedback on ideas”
“feeling i have a responsibility to help change the school for the better and get my and my tutors veiw out into the school.”
“yes”
“the discussions”
“i like representing my form and putting my views out”
“responsibility”
“deciding”
“more involved in decisions for our school.”
“making changes and missing lessons”
“Sharing my ideas”
“i have enjoyed most of the council meetings”
“I have enjoyed interveiwng the council memebers”
“its been fun to be involved in different activities and having a saya about diffrent things in school”
“being able to be involved in my school council”
“how we work together to improve the school”
“The fact that you know a lot more about what’s happening in the school”
“Changing the school.”
“getting a say in what happens to the school”
“Listening on how our school could improve.”
“Listening about the changes that might happen.”
“its fun”
“Yeah”
“listening to people’s ideas and changes happeining in the school”
“going on trips and helping the school”
“the trips we go on”
“trips”
“helping the school and going on trips”
“yes”
“everything it is very interesting”
“you get to go on trips”
“Helping to improve my school”

"the trips and the people that are in it."
 "just being able to help people"
 "the trips and helping the school/pupils."
 "Changing some of the school polasiees and some of the trips and the information we gather."
 "Changing the school and being part of choosing what to change to make the school better and all the trips we go on."
 "Visiting interesting and thrilling cultural attractions with other super cool members. Other things include bag-packing with Lally."
 "Kickin' it with the MP and visiting thrilling cultural attractions with fellow intellectuals. Looking forward to rockin' out in Sweden."
 "being able to do things that others would not be able to do"
 "learning about what happens behind the scenes and what pupils do that is good that isn't heard about"
 "NOTHING IS BORING"
 "Missing part of lessons"
 "not much"
 "Hearing about what is going on."
 "I have enjoyed being a part of a group that can influence what goes on in the school and have a sense of achievement when something changes and improves due to our small contribution. I have also enjoyed being a member of the smaller subcommittees that are created through the school council."
 "Being involved in the decision making process and help lead other children into those debates so their point of view can be put across."

Please tell us briefly how you were involved (with the school council)

Staff comments:-

"I was interviewed by members of the council for my current post."
 "Presenol mewn cyfarfodydd." (Present at meetings).
 "Oversight manager of the student council."
 "Teacher rep."
 "Helping to coordinate Take minutes."
 "Heplu i drefnu'r cyfarfodydd ac i fod y linc i't tim arweinyddiaeth." (Help to organise meetings and link to the leadership team)
 "Gweler A6a." (See A6a, previous question).
 "Involved in overseeing school council's work"
 "Helped on trips and with fundraising."
 "I am the School Council coordinator."
 "School trips to Westminster."
 "SNAG group."

How have you promoted the school council in the past 12 months?

Staff comments:-

"By outlining in assemblies the impact that the council can have and referring pupils to the council to raise issues."
 "Poster i Ymweld a dosbarthiadau. Ar teledu'r ysgol. Cyfarfodydd staff gwasanaeth ayyb." (Posters, visiting classes, on school television, at assemblies, staff meetings etc.)
 "Internet, Assemblies, News letter, Staff briefings etc."
 "Noticeboards Whole school assemblies Whole school days such as playground evaluation day."
 "During learning mentor time, encouraging pupils to get involved."
 "School council regularly promoted in school assembly at school governors meetings, notice boards in school and by school council members themselves."
 "Discussions in class. Making decisions, taking it to the school council for consideration."
 "Poster i Lluniau e bostio'n." (Posters, photos and emails)
 "Through promoting the work of the council in assemblies."
 "Encourage pupils to participate."
 "Voting for form representatives Discussion of ideas to take to meetings."
 "School newsletter."
 "Bulletins/announcements in tutor time and assembly. Reminded students of meetings."
 "Form voting system."
 "Assisted with projects."
 "Newspaper articles informing readers of projects. Whole school assembly notices regarding current initiatives. Introduced co-opting to ensure a wider voice within the school and to make sure that pupils who were particularly keen did not miss out because of the "popular" vote. Persuaded SMT to give us our own lockable noticeboard in a prominent area of the school. Encouraged participation in several Powys strategies. Always say YES and figure out the logistics afterwards!!"

“Regular reminders to pupils in my form of the functions and importance of the council.”
“Encouraged pupils to give feedback and to utilise the form reps.”

What did you learn about (on your school council / pupil participation training course)?

Staff comments:-

“Training school council reps.”

“Unfortunately the course that I attended in Cardiff was extremely narrow. Only 2 other staff members from other schools participated and the course leader was not very well informed and not up-to-date with her information. Consequently didn't learn anything new.”

“Can't remember name of group, training with pupils about Job employment processs and other items.”

School Council reps' comments:-

“What their doing.”

“mae on helpur ysgol.” (He helps the school)

“loads.”

“ courseAbout all the jobs and what to do to find a job.”

“living in cold house.”

“THE EFFECT OF LIVING IN A COLD HOUSE. POLITICS (WESTMINSTER).”

“making laws.”

“Taking part in diffrent acctivatys.”

“Taking part in different activities.”

“dragons den and giving mony.”

“about all the jobs and what to edo in the meetings and about wahat happens.”

What would you like the (school council / pupil participation) training to cover?

Staff comments:-

“All aspects, new ideas, links with other councils etc.”

“Sut mae annog mwy o ddisgyblion i fod a diddordeb yn y cyngor, a sut i hyffrddi'r cynrychiolydd cyfredol i fod yn effeithiol.” (How to encourage more pupils to have an interest in the council and how train the current rep to be more effective)

“Ways of getting the Sixth Form more invilved.”

“How to network the school council with other schools and involve them with national campaigns.”

“What the council reps can be involved in.”

“Quozdom and listening to pupils.”

School Council reps' comments:-

“Anything helpful.”

“being an effective school council rep?”

“Why we are needed, what we do, why we do it.”

“Being chairman.”

“careers.”

“to learn to speak in front of people confidently.”

“The role of a School Council Rep How to feedback properly to a group Various little fun games.”

“The basics of what a school council rep should be.”

“health and safety.”

“Speaking and Info.”

“my job on the council.”

“my job on the council.”

“syt i siariad gyda pobl diarth sy'n ymweld ar ysgol.” (How to speak to strange people who visit the school).

“dim.” (Nothing)

“ideas on how we could advertise what the school council does for our school.”

“how to become a proper help to the school , i am just a backup for when the pupils are not here either busy in a gcse or ill.”

“I would like the training to cover how to diliver your point accuartely and speaking to imoptant people.”

“i dont know.”

“Everything.”

“Everything.”

“How to report back information in an interesting way and how to encourage people from outside the council to contribute ideas and opinions to be discussed.”

Appendix A

Powys Youth Forum School Council Survey - Pupils

Powys Youth Forum is holding a Spotlight Debate on School Councils and would like your help to find out about school councils across Powys.

Please could you spend a few minutes of your time answering our questions which have been written by young people to gather your views about your school council.

If you are a current School Council Rep, please complete the School Council Rep's survey instead of this one.

There are 26 questions in this survey

Section A

1. Which school do you go to? *

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- Brecon High School
- Ysgol Uwchradd Bro Ddyfi
- Brynllwarch Hall School
- Builth Wells High School
- Ysgol Cedewain
- Crickhowell High School
- Gwernyfed High School
- John Beddoes High School
- Llandrindod Wells High School
- Llanidloes High School
- Ysgol Uwchradd Llanfair Caereinion
- Llanfyllin High School
- Maes-y-dderwen High School
- Newtown High School
- Ysgol Penmaes
- Welshpool High School

2. Which year group are you in?*

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- Year 7
- Year 8
- Year 9
- Year 10
- Year 11
- Year 12
- Year 13

3. Which of the following applies to you? *

Please choose **all** that apply:

- I am a school council rep now
- I have been a school council rep before
- I am a year council rep
- I am a form council rep
- I don't represent a group
- Other:

4. What do you think the role of the school council is? *

Please choose **all** that apply:

- To impress the inspectors
- Allows pupils to take responsibility for their school
- To improve participation in the school
- Sort out the toilets
- To improve behaviour and attendance
- Other:

5. How effective would you say your school's school council is? *

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- Very effective
- Quite effective
- It's okay
- Not that effective
- Not at all effective
- Unsure

6. Do you have any suggestions that could improve its effectiveness?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

° Answer was 'It's okay' or 'Not that effective' or 'Not at all effective' at question '5 [A5]' (How effective would you say your school's school council is?)

Please write your answer here:

7. On average, how often has your school council met in the past 12 months? *

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- Weekly
- Fortnightly
- Monthly
- Half termly
- Termly
- Other

8. Can you name any of the school council's achievements from the past 12 months? *

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- Yes
- No

9. Please list below:

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

° Answer was 'Yes' at question '8 [A7]' (Can you name any of the school council's achievements from the past 12 months?)

Please write your answer here:

Section B

10. Do you know who your form's school council rep is/are? *

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- Yes
- No

11. How effective has your school council rep been? *

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

° Answer was 'Yes' at question '10 [B1]' (Do you know who your form's school council rep is/are?)

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- Very effective
- Quite effective
- Okay
- Not that effective
- Not at all effective

12. Would you like to say any more about this rep?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

° Answer was 'Very effective' or 'Quite effective' or 'Okay' or 'Not that effective' or 'Not at all effective' at question '11 [B1a]' (How effective has your school council rep been?)

Please write your answer here:

13. On average, how often has your form's school council rep fedback to you and your form about school council in the past 12 months? *

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

° Answer was 'Yes' at question '10 [B1]' (Do you know who your form's school council rep is/are?)

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- Weekly
- Fortnightly
- Monthly
- Half termly
- Termly
- Other

14. How does someone become a school council rep in your school?

Please choose **all** that apply:

- Volunteer
- Chosen by the headteacher
- Nominated by teachers
- Nominated / secret ballot by pupils

15. Do you think that this is a fair way of choosing your school council's rep?

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- Yes
- No

16. Why do you think it isn't a fair way?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

° Answer was 'No' at question '15 [B2a]' (Do you think that this is a fair way of choosing your school council's rep?)

Please write your answer here:

17. How often have you spoken to your school council rep about a school council issue in the past 12 months? *

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- Never
- Once
- Twice
- 3 times or more
- Other

18. Was the situation improved as a result of speaking to your school council rep?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

° Answer was 'Once' or 'Twice' or '3 times or more' at question '17 [B3]' (How often have you spoken to your school council rep about a school council issue in the past 12 months?)

Please choose **only one** of the following:

Yes

No

19. Do you feel you can talk to your school council rep/get involved in your school's school council? *

Please choose **only one** of the following:

Yes

No

20. Is there any reason why?

Please write your answer here:

21. Do you think pupils being involved in decision making is important? *

Please choose **only one** of the following:

Yes

No

Sort of

22. What is the role of your school's link teacher / school council coordinator? *

Please choose **all** that apply:

Attend school council meetings

Chair the school council meeting

Make sure form tutors give representatives enough time to hold class discussions

Supply the biscuits

Take the minutes

Support students to lead the meetings

Train new members

Ensure school council activities are discussed at staff meetings

Organise elections

Write the agenda

Don't know

Other:

23. Do you know who your school's link teacher / school council coordinator is? *

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- Yes
- No

24. How is the link teacher / school coordinator chosen in your school? *

Please choose **all** that apply:

- Volunteer
- Chosen by the headteacher
- Nominated by teachers
- Nominated / secret voting by pupils
- Don't know

25. How seriously would you say you take the school council? *

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- Very seriously
- Seriously
- Not seriously
- Not at all seriously

26. What's the one thing you'd like your school council to sort out?

Please write your answer here:

Appendix B

Arolwg ar Gynghorau Ysgol Fforwm Ieuenctid Powys - Disgyblion

Mae Fforwm Ieuenctid Powys yn cynnal Dadl Dan Sylw ar Gynghorau Ysgol ac maen nhw am gael dy help di i gasglu gwybodaeth am gynghorau ysgol ledled Powys.

A fyddet yn fodlon treulio ychydig funudau yn ateb ein cwestiynau sydd wedi cael eu hysgrifennu gan bobl ifanc i gael dy farn di am eich cyngor ysgol.

Os wyt ti'n Gynrychiolydd ar y Cyngor Ysgol ar hyn o bryd, a fyddet yn fodlon llenwi'r arolwg ar gyfer Cynrychiolwyr y Cyngor Ysgol yn lle'r un hwn.

Mae 26 o gwestiynau yn yr arolwg hwn

Adran A

1. I ba ysgol wyt ti'n mynd? *

Dewiswch **dim ond un** o'r canlynol:

- Ysgol Uwchradd Aberhonddu
- Ysgol Uwchradd Bro Ddyfi
- Ysgol Neuadd Brynllwarch
- Ysgol Uwchradd Llanfair-ym-Muallt
- Ysgol Cedewain
- Ysgol Uwchradd Crughywel
- Ysgol Uwchradd Gwernyfed
- Ysgol Uwchradd John Beddoes
- Ysgol Uwchradd Llandrindod
- Ysgol Uwchradd Llanidloes
- Ysgol Uwchradd Llanfair Caereinion
- Ysgol Uwchradd Llanfyllin
- Ysgol Uwchradd Maes-y-dderwen
- Ysgol Uwchradd y Drenewydd
- Ysgol Penmaes
- Ysgol Uwchradd y Trallwng

2. Ym mha flwyddyn ysgol wyt ti?*

Dewiswch **dim ond un** o'r canlynol:

- Blwyddyn 7
- Blwyddyn 8
- Blwyddyn 9
- Blwyddyn 10
- Blwyddyn 11
- Blwyddyn 12
- Blwyddyn 13

3. Pa un o'r canlynol sy'n berthnasol i ti? *

Dewiswch bob un sy'n berthnasol:

- Rydw i'n gynrychiolydd ar y cyngor ysgol nawr
- Rydw i wedi bod yn gynrychiolydd ar y cyngor ysgol o'r blaen
- Rydw i'n gynrychiolydd blwyddyn ar y cyngor
- Rydw i'n gynrychiolydd dosbarth ar y cyngor
- Dydw i ddim yn cynrychioli grwp
- Arall:

4. Beth wyt ti'n ei feddwl yw rôl y cyngor ysgol? *

Dewiswch bob un sy'n berthnasol:

- I greu argraff ar yr arolygwyr
- Rhoi cyfle i ddisgyblion gymryd cyfrifoldeb am eu hysgol
- Annog disgyblion i gymryd fwy o ran yn yr ysgol
- Sortio problemau efo'r toiledau
- Gwella ymddygiad a phresenoldeb
- Arall:

5. Yn dy farn di, pa mor effeithiol yw'r cyngor ysgol? *

Dewiswch dim ond un o'r canlynol:

- Effeithiol iawn
- Eitha' effeithiol
- Mae'n OK
- Ddim mor effeithiol â hynny
- Ddim yn effeithiol o gwbl
- Ddim yn siwr

6. Wyt ti'n gallu awgrymu unrhyw beth a fyddai'n gwella pethau?

Atebwch y cwestiwn hwn os yw'r amodau canlynol wedi'u diwallu:

° Ateb oedd 'Mae'n OK' neu 'Ddim mor effeithiol â hynny' neu 'Ddim yn effeithiol o gwbl' i gwestiwn '5 [A5]' (Yn dy farn di, pa mor effeithiol yw'r cyngor ysgol?)

Ysgrifennwch eich ateb yma:

7. Ar gyfartaledd, pa mor aml mae'r cyngor ysgol yn dy ysgol di wedi cwrdd yn ystod y 12 mis diwethaf? *

Dewiswch **dim ond un** o'r canlynol:

- Bob wythnos
- Bob pythefnos
- Bob mis
- Hanner ffordd drwy bob tymor
- Bob tymor
- Arall

8. Wyt ti'n gallu enwi rhai o'r pethau mae'r cyngor ysgol wedi llwyddo i'w gwneud yn ystod y 12 mis diwethaf? *

Dewiswch **dim ond un** o'r canlynol:

- Ie
- Na

9. Rho'r atebion yma:

Atebwch y cwestiwn hwn os yw'r amodau canlynol wedi'u diwallu:

° Ateb oedd 'Ie' i gwestiwn '8 [A7]' (Wyt ti'n gallu enwi rhai o'r pethau mae'r cyngor ysgol wedi llwyddo i'w gwneud yn ystod y 12 mis diwethaf?)

Ysgrifennwch eich ateb yma:

Adran B

10. Wyt ti'n gwybod pwy yw cynrychiolydd(wyr) dy ddsbarth di ar y cyngor ysgol? *

Dewiswch **dim ond un** o'r canlynol:

- Ie
- Na

11. Pa mor effeithiol mae'r cynrychiolydd wedi bod ar y cyngor ysgol? *

Atebwch y cwestiwn hwn os yw'r amodau canlynol wedi'u diwallu:

° Ateb oedd 'Ie' i gwestiwn '10 [B1]' (Wyt ti'n gwybod pwy yw cynrychiolydd(wyr) dy ddsbarth di ar y cyngor ysgol?)

Dewiswch **dim ond un** o'r canlynol:

- Effeithiol iawn
- Eitha' effeithiol
- Ok
- Ddim mor effeithiol â hynny
- Ddim yn effeithiol o gwbl

12. Wyt ti am ddweud rhagor am y cynrychiolydd hwn?

Atebwch y cwestiwn hwn os yw'r amodau canlynol wedi'u diwallu:

° Ateb oedd 'Effeithiol iawn' neu 'Eitha' effeithiol' neu 'Ok' neu 'Ddim mor effeithiol â hynny' neu 'Ddim yn effeithiol o gwbl' i gwestiwn '11 [B1a]' (Pa mor effeithiol mae'r cynrychiolydd wedi bod ar y cyngor ysgol?)

Ysgrifennwch eich ateb yma:

13. Rho amcan o ba mor aml mae'r cynrychiolydd dosbarth ar y cyngor ysgol wedi dod 'nôl atat ti a'r dosbarth am y cyngor ysgol yn ystod y 12 mis diwethaf? *

Atebwch y cwestiwn hwn os yw'r amodau canlynol wedi'u diwallu:

° Ateb oedd 'Ie' i gwestiwn '10 [B1]' (Wyt ti'n gwybod pwy yw cynrychiolydd(wyr) dy ddosbarth di ar y cyngor ysgol?)

Dewiswch **dim ond un** o'r canlynol:

- Bob wythnos
- Bob pythefnos
- Bob mis
- Hanner ffordd drwy bob tymor
- Bob tymor
- Arall

14. Yn dy ysgol di, sut mae rhywun yn dod yn gynrychiolydd ar y cyngor ysgol?

Dewiswch **bob un** sy'n berthnasol:

- Gwirfoddoli
- Yn cael ei ddewis gan y pennaeth
- Yn cael ei enwebu gan athrawon
- Yn cael ei enwebu / pleidlais gudd gan y disgyblion

15. Wyt ti'n credu bod hyn yn ffordd deg o ddewis y cynrychiolydd ar y cyngor ysgol?

Dewiswch **dim ond un** o'r canlynol:

- Ie
- Na

16. Pam nad wyt ti'n credu bod hyn yn ffordd deg?

Atebwch y cwestiwn hwn os yw'r amodau canlynol wedi'u diwallu:

° Ateb oedd 'Na' i gwestiwn '15 [B2a]' (Wyt ti'n credu bod hyn yn ffordd deg o ddewis y cynrychiolydd ar y cyngor ysgol?)

Ysgrifennwch eich ateb yma:

17. Pa mor aml wyt ti wedi siarad â dy gynrychiolydd am rywbeth i'w godi yn y cyngor ysgol yn ystod y 12 mis diwethaf? *

Dewiswch **dim ond un** o'r canlynol:

- Byth
- Unwaith
- Dwywaith
- Tair gwaith neu ragor
- Arall

18. A wnaeth pethau wella ar ôl i ti siarad â'r cynrychiolydd ar y cyngor ysgol?

Atebwch y cwestiwn hwn os yw'r amodau canlynol wedi'u diwallu:

° Ateb oedd 'Unwaith' neu 'Dwywaith' neu 'Tair gwaith neu ragor' i gwestiwn '17 [B3]' (Pa mor aml wyt ti wedi siarad â dy gynrychiolydd am rywbeth i'w godi yn y cyngor ysgol yn ystod y 12 mis diwethaf?)

Dewiswch **dim ond un** o'r canlynol:

- Ie
- Na

19. Wyt ti'n teimlo dy fod yn gallu siarad â dy gynrychiolydd ar y cyngor ysgol / cymryd rhan yn y cyngor ysgol? *

Dewiswch **dim ond un** o'r canlynol:

- Ie
- Na

20. Oes yna unrhyw reswm pam?

Ysgrifennwch eich ateb yma:

21. Wyt ti'n teimlo ei bod hi'n bwysig bod disgyblion yn rhan o'r penderfyniadau sy'n cael eu gwneud? *

Dewiswch **dim ond un** o'r canlynol:

- Ydw
- Nac ydw
- Falle

22. Beth yw rôl yr athro cyswllt / cydlynnydd y cyngor ysgol? *

Dewiswch **bob un** sy'n berthnasol:

- Mynd i gyfarfodydd y cyngor ysgol
- Cadeirio cyfarfodydd y cyngor ysgol
- Gwneud yn siwr bod tiwtoriaid dosbarth yn rhoi digon o amser i gynrychiolwyr i gynnal trafodaethau yn y dosbarth
- Dod â'r bisgedi
- Cymryd y cofnodion
- Helpu myfyrwyr i arwain y cyfarfodydd
- Hyfforddi aelodau newydd
- Gwneud yn siwr bod gweithgareddau'r cyngor ysgol yn cael eu trafod mewn cyfarfodydd staff
- Trefnu etholiadau
- Ysgrifennu'r agenda
- Ddim yn gwybod
- Arall:

23. Wyt ti'n gwybod pwy yw'r athro cyswllt / cydlynnydd y cyngor ysgol? *

Dewiswch **dim ond un** o'r canlynol:

- Ie
- Na

24. Sut mae'r athro cyswllt / cydlynnydd y cyngor ysgol yn cael ei ddewis yn yr ysgol? *

Dewiswch **bob un** sy'n berthnasol:

- Gwirfoddoli
- Yn cael ei ddewis gan y pennaeth
- Yn cael ei enwebu gan athrawon
- Yn cael ei enwebu / pleidlais gudd gan ddisgyblion
- Ddim yn gwybod

25. Pa mor ddifrifol yr wyt ti'n cymryd y cyngor ysgol? *

Dewiswch **dim ond un** o'r canlynol:

- Yn ddifrifol iawn
- Yn ddifrifol
- Ddim yn ddifrifol
- Ddim yn ddifrifol o gwbl

26. Beth yw'r un peth yr hoffet ti weld y cyngor ysgol yn ei sortio?

Ysgrifennwch eich ateb yma:

Appendix C

Powys Youth Forum School Council Survey - Staff

Powys Youth Forum is holding a Spotlight Debate on School Councils and would like your help to find out about school councils across Powys.

Please could you spend a few minutes of your time answering our questions which have been written by young people to gather your views about your school council.

There are 28 questions in this survey

Section A

1. Which of the following best describes your role in the school? *

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- Teacher
- Learning Support / Teaching Assistant
- Technician
- Midday Supervisor
- Secretary
- Caretaker / Cleaner

2. How supportive would you say you are of school councils? *

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- Very supportive
- Supportive
- Indifferent
- Not that supportive
- Not at all supportive

3. What do you think the role of the school council is? *

Please choose **all** that apply:

- To impress the inspectors
- To allow pupils to take responsibility for their school
- To improve participation in the school
- To sort out the toilets
- To improve behaviour and attendance
- Other:

4. How effective would you say your school's school council is? *

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- Very effective
- Quite effective
- It's Okay
- Not that effective
- Not at all effective
- Unsure

5. How could the effectiveness be improved? *

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

° Answer was 'Not at all effective' or 'Not that effective' or 'It's Okay' at question '4 [A4]' (How effective would you say your school's school council is?)

Please write your answer here:

6. On average, how often has your school council met in the past 12 months? *

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- Weekly
- Fortnightly
- Monthly
- Half termly
- Termly
- Other

7. Can you name any of the school council's achievements from the past 12 months? *

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- Yes
- No

8. Please list below: *

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

° Answer was 'Yes' at question '7 [A6]' (Can you name any of the school council's achievements from the past 12 months?)

Please write your answer here:

9. Have you been involved with the school council in the past 12 months? *

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- Yes
- No

10. Please briefly tell us how you were involved: *

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

° Answer was 'Yes' at question '9 [A7]' (Have you been involved with the school council in the past 12 months?)

Please write your answer here:

Section B

11. Are you a link teacher / school council coordinator? *

Please choose **only one** of the following:

Yes

No

12. How long have you been a link teacher? *

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

° Answer was 'Yes' at question '11 [B8]' (Are you a link teacher / school council coordinator?)

Please write your answer(s) here:

Please enter above in months

13. Do you know who your school's school council link teacher is? *

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

° Answer was 'No' at question '11 [B8]' (Are you a link teacher / school council coordinator?)

Please choose **only one** of the following:

Yes

No

14. What is the role of the link teacher / school council coordinator? *

Please choose **all** that apply:

Attend school council meetings

Chair the school council meeting

Make sure form tutors give representatives enough time to hold class discussions

Supply the biscuits

Take the minutes

Support students to lead the meetings

Train new members

Ensure school council activities are discussed at staff meetings

Organise elections

Write the agenda

Other:

15. What other responsibilities does your school's current link teacher / school council coordinator have? *

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

° Answer was 'Yes' at question '13 [B8b]' (Do you know who your school's school council link teacher is?)

Please write your answer here:

16. How is the link teacher / school coordinator chosen in your school? *

Please choose **all** that apply:

- Volunteer
- Chosen by the head
- Nominated / secret ballot by teachers
- Nominated / secret ballot by pupils
- Don't know

17. How interested are your school's pupils to be members of the school council? *

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- Very interested
- Interested
- Neutral
- Not really interested
- Not at all interested

18. What would increase their interest? *

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

° Answer was 'Not at all interested' or 'Not really interested' or 'Neutral' at question '17 [B12]' (How interested are your school's pupils to be members of the school council?)

Please write your answer here:

19. Have you promoted the school council in the past 12 months? *

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- Yes
- No

20. How have you done this? *

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

° Answer was 'Yes' at question '19 [B13]' (Have you promoted the school council in the past 12 months?)

Please write your answer here:

21. Does your form/group currently have a school council rep? *

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

° Answer was 'Learning Support / Teaching Assistant' or 'Teacher' at question '1 [A1]' (Which of the following best describes your role in the school?)

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- Yes
- No

22. How effective has this school council rep been? *

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

° Answer was 'Yes' at question '21 [B14]' (Does your form/group currently have a school council rep?)

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- Very effective
- Effective
- Okay
- Not very effective
- Not at all effective
- Other

23. On average, how often has this rep feedback to peers in the past 12 months? *

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

° Answer was 'Yes' at question '21 [B14]' (Does your form/group currently have a school council rep?)

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- Weekly
- Fortnightly
- Monthly
- Half termly
- Termly
- Other

24. Have you received any training about school councils / pupil participation during your career? *

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- Yes
- No

25. What did you learn about? *

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

° Answer was 'Yes' at question '24 [B15]' (Have you received any training about school councils / pupil participation during your career?)

Please write your answer here:

26. Would you be interested in receiving some? *

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

° Answer was 'No' at question '24 [B15]' (Have you received any training about school councils / pupil participation during your career?)

Please choose **only one** of the following:

Yes

No

27. What would you like the training to cover? *

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

° Answer was 'Yes' at question '26 [B15b]' (Would you be interested in receiving some?)

Please write your answer here:

28. Please select which school you work in from the list below: *

Please choose **only one** of the following:

Brecon High School

Ysgol Uwchradd Bro Ddyfi

Brynllwarch Hall School

Builth Wells High School

Ysgol Cedewain

Crickhowell High School

Gwernnyfed High School

John Beddoes High School

Llandrindod Wells High School

Llanidloes High School

Ysgol Uwchradd Llanfair Caereinion

Llanfyllin High School

Maes-y-dderwen High School

Newtown High School

Ysgol Penmaes

Welshpool High School

Appendix D

Arolwg ar Gyngorau Ysgol - Fforwm Ieuenctid Powys - Staff

Mae Fforwm Ieuenctid Powys yn cynnal Dadl Dan Sylw ar Gyngorau Ysgol a hoffwn gael eich help i gasglu gwybodaeth am gyngorau ysgol ledled Powys.

A fydddech gystal â threulio ychydig funudau yn ateb ein cwestiynau sydd wedi cael eu hysgrifennu gan bobl ifanc i gasglu eich barn am eich cyngor ysgol.

Mae 28 o gwestiynau yn yr arolwg hwn

Adran A

1. Pa un o'r canlynol sy'n disgrifio orau eich rôl yn yr ysgol? *

Dewiswch **dim ond un** o'r canlynol:

- Athro / Athrawes
- Cymorth Dysgu / Cynorthwy-ydd Dysgu
- Technegydd
- Goruchwyliwr Canol Dydd
- Ysgrifennydd / Ysgrifenyddes
- Gofalwr / Glanhawr

2. Pa mor gefnogol ydych chi o gyngorau ysgol? *

Dewiswch **dim ond un** o'r canlynol:

- Cefnogol iawn
- Cefnogol
- Ddim yn teimlo'n gryf yr un ffordd neu'r llall
- Ddim yn gefnogol iawn
- Ddim yn gefnogol o gwbl

3. Yn eich barn chi, beth yw rôl y cyngor ysgol? *

Dewiswch **bob un** sy'n berthnasol:

- Creu angraff ar yr arolygwyr
- Rhoi cyfle i ddisgyblion gymryd cyfrifoldeb am eu hysgol
- Annog disgyblion i gymryd fwy o ran yn yr ysgol
- Datrys problemau efo'r toiledau
- Gwella ymddygiad a phresenoldeb
- Arall:

4. Yn eich barn chi pa mor effeithiol yw eich cyngor ysgol? *

Dewiswch **dim ond un** o'r canlynol:

- Effeithiol iawn
- Eithaf effeithiol
- Gweddol
- Ddim mor effeithiol a hynny
- Ddim yn effeithiol o gwbl
- Ddim yn siwr

5. Ym mha ffordd y gellir gwella'r effeithiolrwydd? *

Atebwch y cwestiwn hwn os yw'r amodau canlynol wedi'u diwallu:

° Ateb oedd 'Ddim yn effeithiol o gwbl' neu 'Ddim mor effeithiol a hynny' neu 'Gweddol' i gwestiwn '4 [A4]' (Yn eich barn chi pa mor effeithiol yw eich cyngor ysgol?)

Ysgrifennwch eich ateb yma:

6. Ar gyfartaledd, pa mor aml mae eich cyngor ysgol wedi cwrdd yn ystod y 12 mis diwethaf?*

Dewiswch **dim ond un** o'r canlynol:

- Bob wythnos
- Bob pythefnos
- Bob mis
- Hanner ffordd drwy bob tymor
- Bob tymor
- Arall

7. Allwch chi enwi rhai o'r pethau mae'r cyngor ysgol wedi'i gyflawni yn ystod y 12 mis diwethaf? *

Dewiswch **dim ond un** o'r canlynol:

- Ie
- Na

8. Rhestrwch isod: *

Atebwch y cwestiwn hwn os yw'r amodau canlynol wedi'u diwallu:

° Ateb oedd 'Ie' i gwestiwn '7 [A6]' (Allwch chi enwi rhai o'r pethau mae'r cyngor ysgol wedi'i gyflawni yn ystod y 12 mis diwethaf?)

Ysgrifennwch eich ateb yma:

9. Ydych chi wedi bod yn gysylltiedig â'r cyngor ysgol yn ystod y 12 mis diwethaf? *

Dewiswch **dim ond un** o'r canlynol:

- Ie
- Na

10. Disgrifiwch yn fyr beth oedd eich cysylltiad chi: *

Atebwch y cwestiwn hwn os yw'r amodau canlynol wedi'u diwallu:

° Ateb oedd 'Ie' i gwestiwn '9 [A7]' (Ydych chi wedi bod yn gysylltiedig â'r cyngor ysgol yn ystod y 12 mis diwethaf?)

Ysgrifennwch eich ateb yma:

Adran B

11. Ydych chi'n athro cyswllt / cydlynedd y cyngor ysgol? *

Dewiswch **dim ond un** o'r canlynol:

Ie

Na

12. Am ba hyd rydych chi wedi bod yn athro cyswllt? *

Atebwch y cwestiwn hwn os yw'r amodau canlynol wedi'u diwallu:

° Ateb oedd 'Ie' i gwestiwn '11 [B8]' (Ydych chi'n athro cyswllt / cydlynedd y cyngor ysgol?)

Ysgrifennwch eich ateb/atebion yma:

Rhowch y wybodaeth uchod mewn misoedd.

13. Ydych chi'n gwybod pwy yw eich athro cyswllt ar gyfer y cyngor ysgol? *

Atebwch y cwestiwn hwn os yw'r amodau canlynol wedi'u diwallu:

° Ateb oedd 'Na' i gwestiwn '11 [B8]' (Ydych chi'n athro cyswllt / cydlynedd y cyngor ysgol?)

Dewiswch **dim ond un** o'r canlynol:

Ie

Na

14. Beth yw rôl yr athro cyswllt / cydlynnydd y cyngor ysgol? *

Dewiswch **bob un** sy'n berthnasol:

- Mynychu cyfarfodydd y cyngor ysgol
- Cadeirio cyfarfod y cyngor ysgol
- Gwneud yn siwr bod tiwtoriaid dosbarth yn rhoi digon o amser i gynrychiolwyr i gynnal trafodaeth yn y dosbarth
- Yn dod a'r bisgedi
- Yn cymryd y cofnodion
- Yn cefnogi myfyrwyr i arwain y cyfarfodydd
- Hyfforddi aelodau newydd
- Sicrhau bod gweithgareddau'r cyngor ysgol yn cael eu trafod mewn cyfarfodydd staff
- Trefnu etholiadau
- Ysgrifennu'r agenda
- Arall:

15. Pa gyfrifoldebau eraill sydd gan eich athro cyswllt / cydlynnydd cyngor ysgol presennol? *

Atebwch y cwestiwn hwn os yw'r amodau canlynol wedi'u diwallu:

° Ateb oedd 'Ie' i gwestiwn '13 [B8b]' (Ydych chi'n gwybod pwy yw eich athro cyswllt ar gyfer y cyngor ysgol?)

Ysgrifennwch eich ateb yma:

16. Sut mae'r athro cyswllt / cydlynnydd ysgol yn cael ei ddewis yn eich ysgol chi? *

Dewiswch **bob un** sy'n berthnasol:

- Gwirfoddoli
- Yn cael ei ddewis gan y Pennaeth
- Yn cael ei enwebu / pleidlais gudd gan yr athrawon
- Yn cael ei enwebu / pleidlais gudd gan y disgyblion
- Ddim yn gwybod

17. Faint o ddiddordeb sydd gan ddisgyblion eich ysgol i fod yn aelodau o'r cyngor ysgol? *

Dewiswch **dim ond un** o'r canlynol:

- Llauer o ddiddordeb
- Diddordeb
- Ddim yn teimlo'n gryf yr un ffordd neu'r llall
- Ddim llauer o ddiddordeb
- Ddim diddordeb o gwbl

18. Beth fyddai'n codi eu diddordeb? *

Atebwch y cwestiwn hwn os yw'r amodau canlynol wedi'u diwallu:

° Ateb oedd 'Ddim diddordeb o gwbl' neu 'Ddim llawer o ddiddordeb' neu 'Ddim yn teimlo'n gryf yr un ffordd neu'r llall' i gwestiwn '17 [B12]' (Faint o ddiddordeb sydd gan ddisgyblion eich ysgol i fod yn aelodau o'r cyngor ysgol?)

Ysgrifennwch eich ateb yma:

19. Ydych chi wedi hyrwyddo'r cyngor ysgol yn ystod y 12 mis diwethaf? *

Dewiswch **dim ond un** o'r canlynol:

Ie

Na

20. Sut y gwnaethoch chi hyn? *

Atebwch y cwestiwn hwn os yw'r amodau canlynol wedi'u diwallu:

° Ateb oedd 'Ie' i gwestiwn '19 [B13]' (Ydych chi wedi hyrwyddo'r cyngor ysgol yn ystod y 12 mis diwethaf?)

Ysgrifennwch eich ateb yma:

21. A oes gan eich dosbarth/grwp gynrychiolydd ar y cyngor ysgol ar hyn o bryd? *

Atebwch y cwestiwn hwn os yw'r amodau canlynol wedi'u diwallu:

° Ateb oedd 'Cymorth Dysgu / Cynorthwy-ydd Dysgu' neu 'Athro / Athrawes' i gwestiwn '1 [A1]' (Pa un o'r canlynol sy'n disgrifio orau eich rôl yn yr ysgol?)

Dewiswch **dim ond un** o'r canlynol:

Ie

Na

22. Pa mor effeithiol mae cynrychiolydd y cyngor ysgol wedi bod? *

Atebwch y cwestiwn hwn os yw'r amodau canlynol wedi'u diwallu:

° Ateb oedd 'Ie' i gwestiwn '21 [B14]' (A oes gan eich dosbarth/grwp gynrychiolydd ar y cyngor ysgol ar hyn o bryd?)

Dewiswch **dim ond un** o'r canlynol:

Effeithiol iawn

Effeithiol

Iawn

Ddim yn effeithiol iawn

Ddim yn effeithiol o gwbl

Arall

23. Ar gyfartaledd, pa mor aml mae'r cynrychiolydd hwn wedi adrodd yn ol i gyfoedion yn ystod y 12 mis diwethaf? *

Atebwch y cwestiwn hwn os yw'r amodau canlynol wedi'u diwallu:

° Ateb oedd 'Ie' i gwestiwn '21 [B14]' (A oes gan eich dosbarth/grwp gynrychiolydd ar y cyngor ysgol ar hyn o bryd?)

Dewiswch **dim ond un** o'r canlynol:

- Bob Wythnos
- Bob pythefnos
- Misol
- Hanner ffordd drwy bob tymor
- Bob tymor
- Arall

24. Ydych chi wedi derbyn unrhyw hyfforddiant am gynghorau ysgol / sut i annog disgyblion i gyfrannu yn ystod eich gyrfa? *

Dewiswch **dim ond un** o'r canlynol:

- Ie
- Na

25. Beth y gwnaethoch chi ddysgu? *

Atebwch y cwestiwn hwn os yw'r amodau canlynol wedi'u diwallu:

° Ateb oedd 'Ie' i gwestiwn '24 [B15]' (Ydych chi wedi derbyn unrhyw hyfforddiant am gynghorau ysgol / sut i annog disgyblion i gyfrannu yn ystod eich gyrfa?)

Ysgrifennwch eich ateb yma:

26. A fyddai diddordeb gennych mewn derbyn hyfforddiant ? *

Atebwch y cwestiwn hwn os yw'r amodau canlynol wedi'u diwallu:

° Ateb oedd 'Na' i gwestiwn '24 [B15]' (Ydych chi wedi derbyn unrhyw hyfforddiant am gynghorau ysgol / sut i annog disgyblion i gyfrannu yn ystod eich gyrfa?)

Dewiswch **dim ond un** o'r canlynol:

- Ie
- Na

27. Pa fath o bethau yr hoffech chi ei weld ar yr hyfforddiant? *

Atebwch y cwestiwn hwn os yw'r amodau canlynol wedi'u diwallu:

° Ateb oedd 'Ie' i gwestiwn '26 [B15b]' (A fyddai diddordeb gennych mewn derbyn hyfforddiant ?)

Ysgrifennwch eich ateb yma:

28. Dewiswch yr ysgol yr ydych chi'n gweithio ynnddi o'r rhestr isod : *

Dewiswch **dim ond un** o'r canlynol:

- Ysgol Uwchradd Aberhonddu
- Ysgol Uwchradd Bro Ddyfi
- Ysgol Neuadd Brynlllywarch
- Ysgol Uwchradd Llanfair-ym-Muallt
- Ysgol Cedewain
- Ysgol Uwchradd Crughywel
- Ysgol Uwchradd Gwernyfed
- Ysgol Uwchradd John Beddoes
- Ysgol Uwchradd Llandrindod
- Ysgol Uwchradd Llanidloes
- Ysgol Uwchradd Llanfair Caereinion
- Ysgol Uwchradd Llanfyllin
- Ysgol Uwchradd Maes-y-dderwen
- Ysgol Uwchradd Y Drenewydd
- Ysgol Penmaes
- Ysgol Uwchradd Y Trallwng

Appendix E

Powys Youth Forum School Council Survey - School Council Reps

Powys Youth Forum is holding a Spotlight Debate on School Councils and would like your help to find out about school councils across Powys.

Please could you spend a few minutes of your time answering our questions which have been written by young people to gather your views about your school council.

There are 30 questions in this survey

Section A

1. How clear are you about your own role in your school's school council? *

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- Very clear
- Clear
- Okay
- Not clear
- Not at all clear

2. What do you think the role of the school council is? *

Please choose **all** that apply:

- To impress the inspectors
- Allows pupils to take responsibility for their school
- To improve participation in the school
- Sort out the toilets
- To improve behaviour and attendance
- Other:

3. How effective would you say your school's school council is? *

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- Very effective
- Quite effective
- It's okay
- Not that effective
- Not at all effective
- Unsure

4. How could it be improved?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

° Answer was 'It's okay' or 'Not that effective' or 'Not at all effective' at question '3 [A3]' (How effective would you say your school's school council is?)

Please write your answer here:

5. On average, how often has your school council met in the past 12 months? *

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- Weekly
- Fortnightly
- Monthly
- Half termly
- Termly
- Other

6. How often would you like to meet as a school council?

Please write your answer here:

Please enter the number of times per academic year

7. On average, how long are your school council meetings?

Please write your answer here:

Please enter the number of minutes

8. Can you name some of your school council's achievements from the past 12 months?

Please write your answer here:

9. How does someone become a school council rep in your school? *

Please choose **all** that apply:

- Volunteer
- Chosen by the headteacher
- Nominated by the teachers
- Nominated / secret ballot by pupils

10. Do you think that this is a fair way of choosing your school council's rep?

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- Yes
- No

11. Why isn't it a fair way?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

° Answer was 'No' at question '10 [A6a]' (Do you think that this is a fair way of choosing your school council's rep?)

Please write your answer here:

12. How many school council reps are there

Please write your answer(s) here:

...overall?

...per form?

...co-opted?

13. What percentage of pupils in your school would you say know the role of the school's school council?

Please write your answer here:

Section B

14. What is the role of your school's link teacher / school council coordinator? *

Please choose all that apply:

- Attend school council meetings
- Chair the school council meetings
- Make sure form tutors give representatives enough time to hold class discussions
- Supply the biscuits
- Take the minutes
- Support students to lead the meetings
- Train new members
- Ensure school council activities are discussed at staff meetings
- Organise elections
- Write the agenda
- Other:

15. How is the link teacher / school coordinator chosen in your school?

Please choose all that apply:

- Volunteer
- Chosen by the headteacher
- Nominated by teachers
- Nominated / secret ballot by pupils
- Don't know

16. What other responsibilities does your school's current link teacher / school council coordinator have?

Please write your answer here:

17. How many times has the link teacher / school council coordinator changed in the past 12 months?

Please write your answer here:

18. How is school council information feedback to other pupils? *

Please choose **all** that apply:

- School council reps
- Assemblies
- A newsletter / poster
- Other groups e.g. year groups
- Teachers
- PSHE lessons
- Other:

19. Is enough time given to you to feedback school council issues to other pupils? *

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- Yes
- No

20. On average, how often is school council information feedback to your pupils? *

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- Weekly
- Fortnightly
- Monthly
- Half termly
- Termly
- Other

21. On average, how quickly is school council information feedback to your pupils? *

Please write your answer here:

22. How seriously would you say the pupils in your school take the school council? *

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- Very seriously
- Seriously
- Not seriously
- Not at all seriously

23. Why do you think this is?

Please write your answer here:

24. Have you received any training about school councils in the past 12 months? *

Please choose **only one** of the following:

Yes

No

25. What did you learn about?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

° Answer was 'Yes' at question '24 [B17]' (Have you received any training about school councils in the past 12 months?)

Please write your answer here:

26. Would you be interested in receiving some training? *

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

° Answer was 'No' at question '24 [B17]' (Have you received any training about school councils in the past 12 months?)

Please choose **only one** of the following:

Yes

No

27. What would you like the training to cover?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

° Answer was 'Yes' at question '26 [B17b]' (Would you be interested in receiving some training?)

Please write your answer here:

28. What have you enjoyed most about being involved with your school council?

Please write your answer here:

29. Which school do you go to? *

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- Brecon High School
- Ysgol Uwchradd Bro Ddyfi
- Brynlywarch Hall School
- Builth Wells High School
- Ysgol Cedewain
- Crickhowell High School
- Gwernyfed High School
- John Beddoes High School
- Llandrindod Wells High School
- Llanidloes High School
- Ysgol Uwchradd Llanfair Caereinion
- Llanfyllin High School
- Maes-y-dderwen High School
- Newtown High School
- Ysgol Penmaes
- Welshpool High School

30. Which year are you in? *

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- Year 7
- Year 8
- Year 9
- Year 10
- Year 11
- Year 12
- Year 13

Appendix F

Arolwg ar Gynghorau Ysgol Fforwm Ieuenctid Powys - Cynrychiolwyr ar y Cyngor Ysgol

Mae Fforwm Ieuenctid Powys yn cynnal Dadl Dan Sylw ar Gynghorau Ysgol ac maen nhw am gael dy help di i gasglu gwybodaeth am gynghorau ysgol ledled Powys.

A fyddet yn fodlon treulio ychydig funudau yn ateb ein cwestiynau sydd wedi cael eu hysgrifennu gan bobl ifanc i gasglu dy farn di am eich cyngor ysgol.

Mae 30 o gwestiynau yn yr arolwg hwn

Adran A

1. Pa mor eglur wyt ti am dy rôl di yn y cyngor ysgol?*

Dewiswch **dim ond un** o'r canlynol:

- Yn glir iawn
- Yn glir
- Ok
- Ddim yn glir
- Ddim yn glir o gwbl

2. Beth wyt ti'n ei feddwl yw rôl y cyngor ysgol? *

Dewiswch **bob un** sy'n berthnasol:

- I greu argraff ar yr arolygwyr
- Rhoi cyfle i ddisgyblion gymryd cyfrifoldeb am eu hysgol
- Annog disgyblion i gymryd fwy o ran yn yr ysgol
- Sortio problemau efo'r toiledau
- Gwella ymddygiad a phresenoldeb
- Arall:

3. Yn dy farn di, pa mor effeithiol yw'r cyngor ysgol? *

Dewiswch **dim ond un** o'r canlynol:

- Effeithiol iawn
- Eitha' effeithiol
- Mae'n OK
- Ddim mor effeithiol â hynny
- Ddim yn effeithiol o gwbl
- Ddim yn siwr

4. Sut y gallai wella?

Atebwch y cwestiwn hwn os yw'r amodau canlynol wedi'u diwallu:

° Ateb oedd 'Mae'n OK' neu 'Ddim mor effeithiol â hynny' neu 'Ddim yn effeithiol o gwbl' i gwestiwn '3 [A3]' (Yn dy farn di, pa mor effeithiol yw'r cyngor ysgol?)

Ysgrifennwch eich ateb yma:

5. Ar gyfartaledd, pa mor aml mae'r cyngor ysgol wedi cwrdd yn ystod y 12 mis diwethaf?*

Dewiswch **dim ond un** o'r canlynol:

- Bob wythnos
- Bob pythefnos
- Bob Mis
- Hanner ffordd drwy bob tymor
- Bob tymor
- Arall

6. Pa mor aml yr hoffet ti gwrdd fel cyngor ysgol?

Ysgrifennwch eich ateb yma:

Rho nifer y weithiau yn ystod blwyddyn academiaidd.

7. Fel arfer, pa mor hir yw eich cyfarfodydd cyngor ysgol?

Ysgrifennwch eich ateb yma:

Rho'r amser mewn munudau.

8. Wyt ti'n gallu enwi rhai o'r pethau mae'r cyngor ysgol wedi llwyddo i'w gwneud yn ystod y 12 mis diwethaf?

Ysgrifennwch eich ateb yma:

9. Yn dy ysgol di, sut mae rhywun yn dod yn gynrychiolydd ar y cyngor ysgol?*

Dewiswch **bob un** sy'n berthnasol:

- Gwirfoddoli
- Yn cael ei ddewis gan y pennaeth
- Yn cael ei enwebu gan athrawon
- Yn cael ei enwebu / pleidlais gudd gan y disgyblion

10. Wyt ti'n credu bod hyn yn ffordd deg o ddewis y cynrychiolydd ar y cyngor ysgol?

Dewiswch **dim ond un** o'r canlynol:

- Ie
- Na

11. Pam nad wyt ti'n credu bod hyn yn ffordd deg?

Atebwch y cwestiwn hwn os yw'r amodau canlynol wedi'u diwallu:

° Ateb oedd 'Na' i gwestiwn '10 [A6a]' (Wyt ti'n credu bod hyn yn ffordd deg o ddewis y cynrychiolydd ar y cyngor ysgol?)

Ysgrifennwch eich ateb yma:

12. Sawl cynrychiolydd sydd ar y cyngor ysgol

Ysgrifennwch eich ateb/atebion yma:

...i gyd?

...ar gyfer pob dosbarth?

...wedi'u cyfethol?

13. Yn dy farn di, pa ganran o ddisgyblion yr ysgol sy'n gwybod beth yw rôl y cyngor ysgol?

Ysgrifennwch eich ateb yma:

Adran B

14. Beth yw rôl yr athro cyswllt / cydlynnydd y cyngor ysgol?*

Dewiswch bob un sy'n berthnasol:

- Mynd i gyfarfodydd y cyngor ysgol
- Cadeirio cyfarfodydd y cyngor ysgol
- Gwneud yn siwr bod tiwtoriaid dosbarth yn rhoi digon o amser i gynrychiolwyr i gynnal trafodaethau yn y dosbarth
- Dod â'r bisgedi
- Cymryd y cofnodion
- Helpu myfyrwyr i arwain y cyfarfodydd
- Hyfforddi aelodau newydd
- Gwneud yn siwr bod gweithgareddau'r cyngor ysgol yn cael eu trafod mewn cyfarfodydd staff
- Trefnu etholiadau
- Ysgrifennu'r agenda
- Arall:

15. Sut mae'r athro cyswllt / cydlynnydd y cyngor ysgol yn cael ei ddewis yn yr ysgol?

Dewiswch bob un sy'n berthnasol:

- Gwirfoddoli
- Yn cael ei ddewis gan y pennaeth
- Yn cael ei enwebu gan athrawon
- Yn cael ei enwebu / pleidlais gudd gan ddisgyblion
- Ddim yn gwybod

16. Pa gyfrifoldebau eraill sydd gan yr athro cyswllt / cydlynnydd y cyngor ysgol presennol?

Ysgrifennwch eich ateb yma:

17. Sawl gwaith mae'r athro cyswllt / cydlynnydd y cyngor ysgol wedi newid yn ystod y 12 mis diwethaf?

Ysgrifennwch eich ateb yma:

18. Sut mae gwybodaeth o'r cyngor ysgol yn cael ei roi i ddisgyblion eraill? *

Dewiswch **bob un** sy'n berthnasol:

- Cynrychiolwyr y cyngor ysgol
- Gwasanaethau Boreol
- Cylchlythyr / poster
- Grwpiau eraill e.e. grwpiau blwyddyn
- Athrawon
- Gwersi Addysg Personol a Chymdeithasol
- Arall:

19. Oes digon o amser yn cael ei roi i ti allu rhoi gwybodaeth am y cyngor ysgol i ddisgyblion eraill? *

Dewiswch **dim ond un** o'r canlynol:

- Ie
- Na

20. Ar gyfartaledd, pa mor aml mae gwybodaeth o'r cyngor ysgol yn cael ei roi i ddisgyblion?*

Dewiswch **dim ond un** o'r canlynol:

- Bob wythnos
- Bob pythefnos
- Bob mis
- Hanner ffordd drwy bob tymor
- Bob tymor
- Arall

21. Ar gyfartaledd, pa mor gyflym mae gwybodaeth o'r cyngor ysgol yn cael ei roi i'r disgyblion? *

Ysgrifennwch eich ateb yma:

22. Yn dy farn di, pa mor ddifrifol mae'r disgyblion yn dy ysgol di yn cymryd y cyngor ysgol?*

Dewiswch **dim ond un** o'r canlynol:

- Yn ddifrifol iawn
- Yn ddifrifol
- Ddim yn ddifrifol
- Ddim yn ddifrifol o gwbl

23. Beth wyt ti'n ei feddwl yw'r rheswm am hyn?

Ysgrifennwch eich ateb yma:

24. Wyt ti wedi cael unrhyw fath o hyfforddiant am gynghorau ysgol yn ystod y 12 mis diwethaf? *

Dewiswch **dim ond un** o'r canlynol:

Ie

Na

25. Beth ddysgaist di amdano?

Atebwch y cwestiwn hwn os yw'r amodau canlynol wedi'u diwallu:

° Ateb oedd 'Ie' i gwestiwn '24 [B17]' (Wyt ti wedi cael unrhyw fath o hyfforddiant am gynghorau ysgol yn ystod y 12 mis diwethaf?)

Ysgrifennwch eich ateb yma:

26. A fyddai diddordeb gennynt mewn cael hyfforddiant? *

Atebwch y cwestiwn hwn os yw'r amodau canlynol wedi'u diwallu:

° Ateb oedd 'Na' i gwestiwn '24 [B17]' (Wyt ti wedi cael unrhyw fath o hyfforddiant am gynghorau ysgol yn ystod y 12 mis diwethaf?)

Dewiswch **dim ond un** o'r canlynol:

Ie

Na

27. Pa fath o bethau yr hoffet di gael hyfforddiant amdano?

Atebwch y cwestiwn hwn os yw'r amodau canlynol wedi'u diwallu:

° Ateb oedd 'Ie' i gwestiwn '26 [B17b]' (A fyddai diddordeb gennynt mewn cael hyfforddiant?)

Ysgrifennwch eich ateb yma:

28. Beth wyt ti wedi ei fwynhau fwyaf am fod yn rhan o'r cyngor ysgol?

Ysgrifennwch eich ateb yma:

29. I ba ysgol wyt ti'n mynd? *

Dewiswch **dim ond un** o'r canlynol:

- Ysgol Uwchradd Aberhonddu
- Ysgol Uwchradd Bro Ddyfi
- Ysgol Neuadd Brynlllywarch
- Ysgol Uwchradd Llanfair-ym-Muallt
- Ysgol Cedewain
- Ysgol Uwchradd Crughywel
- Ysgol Uwchradd Gwernyfed
- Ysgol Uwchradd John Beddoes
- Ysgol Uwchradd Llandrindod
- Ysgol Uwchradd Llanidloes
- Ysgol Uwchradd Llanfair Caereinion
- Ysgol Uwchradd Llanfyllin
- Ysgol Uwchradd Maes-y-dderwen
- Ysgol Uwchradd y Drenewydd
- Ysgol Penmaes
- Ysgol Uwchradd y Trallwng

30. Ym mha flwyddyn ysgol wyt ti? *

Dewiswch **dim ond un** o'r canlynol:

- Blwyddyn 7
- Blwyddyn 8
- Blwyddyn 9
- Blwyddyn 10
- Blwyddyn 11
- Blwyddyn 12
- Blwyddyn 13