

Ogilvie House Council Minutes
29th January 2018

Chair: Dermot Hainey



Agenda Item:	Discussion:
1. School Scarf	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Idea of a house scarf isn't very appealing. Seems tacky. • Suggestion made of pupils designing the scarf or involving art and design department • Must discuss with senior management to find out limits and expectations
2. House identity & competition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Houses could organise charity fundraisers on a one house per month. Houses could choose their charity. • This could be turned into a competition by bringing back the house point system. • Weekly inter-house quizzes during registration period • Inter-house sports competitions could be held throughout the year – not just sports day – using the same format as charity football matches that have previously been organised. This could include staff teams, pupil teams and mixed teams from each house.
3. Mental Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The subject is not spoken about well enough or often enough or in the correct context. It should be talked about more to get rid of stigma • Pupils would like to be taught how to recognise when mental health is not good (symptoms) and how to support themselves and others • Organisations outside of the school could be asked to come speak in health and wellbeing classes • Pupils should be taught how to combat anxiety, stress etc • Pupils should be made aware of in-school support and support outside school • Pupils and pastoral staff should have one to one talks about mental state more often and regularly
4. Any Other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homework: make it less internet base/reduce the number of internet research tasks • Glow/Onenote is too complicated for some, pupils haven't been taught how to use them. Senior digital leaders could give lessons on using glow and Onenote to pupils and teachers. Complexity has become an excuse for late/incomplete homeworks • More pupil council badges are needed