

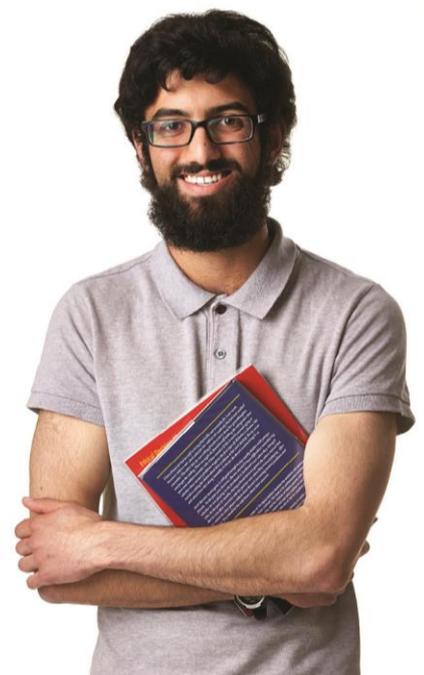


Student Council Constitution

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STUDENT COUNCIL

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Background and Introduction

Burton and South Derbyshire College Student Council works collaboratively and proactively with the College leadership team to benefit all learners studying with us. We work in partnership, through the student council, to improve and add value to the learners' experience.

All parties involved with the Student Council will act in accordance with the College's core values and our students will act in accordance with the College's Respect Agreement.

This revised constitution sets the parameters in how this relationship will work and sets our ambitions on how we will work collectively for our learners. This document should be considered alongside all other learner facing policies at BSDC.

President(s), what do they do?

President(s) are the link from learner's voice to staff and the governing body. Ideas and ambitions are channeled through President(s) to ensure everything our students say to us is looked at and considered by management and Governors, which as President(s) you are a student member of.

We actively promote clubs and societies within college and openly support local charities with events to raise funds to aid local people.

We have to keep an eye on the Council budget to ensure everything runs smoothly, by tracking expenditure and by requesting account layouts from Finance.

We are constantly assessing the feedback we get from Student Council meetings with a thorough set of action plans to ensure we meet all of our targets, these action plans are presented to the Governing Body to assure Governors that the Council is progressing forward and creating a better future for the College.

Course Representatives, what do they do?

Course Representatives are what the Council is made for, Course Reps come together at these monthly meetings to discuss issues raised within classes and work with each other and with the President(s) to create solutions which can be worked into our active action plans.

Course Reps are expected to attend to meetings organised as it is part of their duty. There is a three strike policy, in which if you miss three meetings without any warning to the President(s) the Course Rep will be removed and a re-election will take place.

If they can't make a meeting then to invoke professionalism we expect them to inform us well before the meeting with a valid reason for not attending.

From time to time the President(s) will need help from Course Reps to hold events or help organise trips, Course Reps should volunteer themselves to help better the Council's work.

Council Meetings – what is their purpose?

Council meetings are an integral part of the Council and its running; we recommend that Council meetings are held in line with Governing Body meetings so you can always present a report to Governors. Governors can offer a different perspective to points raised. Governors also enjoy the work the Council so good and full reports are handy!

President(s) will write all notes into an informal minutes which will be presented and discuss with a member of management within College to discuss solutions and action plans so President(s) can

give positive and constructive information and feedback to Course Reps and the Governing Body.

Anything you want to ask or anything you are unsure about ask the President(s) and we can help you.

Resolving disagreements within the Student Council

In the first instance, any disagreements within the Student Council will be taken to the President(s) to resolve. Should the Presidents not be able to resolve these then they will then be escalated to the Enrichment and Wellbeing Coordinator to resolve the matter. Should the E&WBC not be able to resolve the matter then they will escalate the issue to the Deputy Principal: Corporate Relationships whose decision on the disagreement will be final.