

Impington Village College

STUDENT VOICE POLICY

2011 – 2013

To be reviewed Summer Term 2013

1. Context

Impington Village College takes pride in its work as a school to listen to students and to ensure they have opportunities to voice and air their views on their College. Schools that are active in this way promote a greater sense of membership in their students and give actual opportunities for students to develop their sense of responsibility and to encourage them to grow as leaders.

There are long-established Student Councils (one for each year group to which all students are members) which meet regularly to discuss matters affecting student life and well-being at the College. This policy is intended to take this further by outlining the commitment from the Senior Leadership Team and Governing Body to promote and encourage the development of the Student Voice.

2. Aims

- To ensure the College actively seeks the views of students and to ensure the College listens to the views and takes them into account when developing provision
- To enable students to feel a greater sense of membership and ownership of the College
- To develop students' awareness and understanding of decision and policy-making
- To enable students to have a role in determining policies that affect them

3. Process

The College is committed to listening to the views of students and taking them seriously. It will find ways to promote Student Voice and to listen to students. We will ensure we develop Student Voice as follows:

Student Councils

All students are entitled to be members of their respective year group Student Council. These meet monthly and enable any issue to be raised and shared. The minutes of these are published and the AST Citizenship who attends these meetings reports back to the Senior Leadership Team via the Leader of Personal Development & Learning.

Student Executive

Each Student Council will elect two representatives to serve on the Student Executive which meets at least monthly with the Principal to raise issues from the Councils and to discuss proposals from the Senior Leadership Team.

Student Ambassadors

Since 2010, IVC has appointed Student Ambassadors from the senior students in Year 10/11, whose role is to represent students at key events and across the College. However, they will also be consulted upon to share their views on the leadership and management of the College.

Student Leaders

In addition to Student Ambassadors, each Faculty has two Student Leaders who are also drawn from the senior students in Year 10/11. These students will provide Faculties with the opportunities to consult on all aspects of learning related to that area and to help identify ways and means to improve further.

Self Evaluation

The College regularly reviews its work through tutorials, lesson observations, work scrutinies and student interviews. We will actively seek the views of students and ensure this is developed further. Students are also being developed as student observers to play a role in evaluating learning.

4. College Policies

The Governing Body is responsible for developing, introducing and implementing the policies of Impington Village College. These policies are invariably concerned with the development, learning and welfare of students. Wherever possible, students' views will be sought. The responsibility for the management of this lies with the Senior Leadership Team who will ensure that students are consulted upon with all relevant policies.

The process for this should be as follows:

- Student Executive consulted upon process for managing the relevant policy
- Student Executive recommends next steps for the policy
- If relevant, further consultation and development of policy through Student Councils
- Students and staff work closely on development of relevant policy
- Student Councils will scrutinise the process to ensure the Student Executive is developing policies appropriately.

5. Monitoring and Evaluation

This policy will be evaluated by the Leader of Personal Development and Learning reporting to the Governors' Student Services' Committee every two years.