

Student Council Autumn 1 2024-25

Summary

1) When you are asked questions in lessons, which of the following do you think is most common?

Teachers generally target students randomly. Students do put their hands up in class and sometimes the teacher will ask those with their hands up. The majority of students are questioned during each lesson one way or another. Students like the idea of having the option to put their hand up as it shows their understanding and enthusiasm for the subject.

2) Why do you think your teacher targeting questions at different students without hands up helps learning?

Teachers target students so that the class is on their toes. Students are often picked because they are not concentrating so it ensures all students are engaged in the lesson. Teachers also choose some students who are shy or low on confidence to help them build their self esteem. Some teachers ask the more challenging questions to the students who have a better understanding of the subject to challenge them more.

3) How do you feel about being questioned in lessons when you don't have your hand up?

Although students know the reasons and benefits for targeted questioning, students generally feel embarrassed and put on the spot - particularly when they do not know the answer. Sometimes teachers target a question and then are frustrated if a student can not answer it instantly and some just move on to another student. Students are very clear that the best teachers give thinking time and then support students who do not know an answer by teasing it out of them (scaffolding) while building their confidence and they would like to see this happen more.

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- Students would like the canteen to look at the food menu and include students in the decision making;
- Some of the canteen staff are lovely and make students feel happy but this is inconsistent;
- Students find the stools in science really uncomfortable - can they have backs?
- Please can Year 11 students wear non uniform for exams or at least an adjustment for comfort;
- Tower Block lift needs to be locked as it is always open and some students abuse it;
- Some students have asked for more opportunities for personal development - extra PSHE time;
- The new Year 7 students are really happy at Headlands and are learning a lot.