

Pupil Parliament 2024-25

Minute

Wednesday 11 December 2024



1. Welcome

Chair: Heather Cox (Presiding Officer [PO])

- PO welcomed all members to today's session and members of the public gallery which included Mrs Brown (Headteacher), Mrs Sim (PT Pupil Support) and the Climate delegation.

2. How Good is Our Learning and Teaching

Chair: Finn Gilfillan (Depute Presiding Officer [PO])

- DPO requested an update from Mrs Sim relating to the PSE curriculum. The update included:
 - o Increasing visitors to support with expert topics
 - o Topic coverage is in place as part of Scottish government guideline e.g. Sexual Health and Relationships
 - o Pupil Focus Group and questionnaires are being used to gather views of young people to make changes to the curriculum
 - o Overall topic headings may be the same, but individual unit of work across year groups will differ
- DPO requested an update from Mr Bain relating to staff absence and cover. A presentation was provided which outlined:
 - o All classes will be covered by staff in the school or those outwith who are contracted to do general supply
 - o There is a national shortage of some subject areas which restricts our ability to cover classes with a subject specialist
 - o Staff absence can be categorised into planned and unplanned absence. Policies are in place to minimise the amount of time staff are out of school in order to maximise learning time.
 - o Our resource is managed through our timetable and we have to build in time for staff to be out of school for unplanned and planned events

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3. Statements

Chair: Finn Gillfillan (Depute Presiding Officer [DPO])

Updates were received on the following motions:

- Food Waste (Finn Gilfillan)

The resources are available to make this happen. There is a need to join up with the paper and plastic recycling project. The next step is to consult with Mrs Prentice (Business Manager), Mitie and Tayside Contracts.

- Paper and Plastic Recycling (Caitlin Cox)

S2 vice captains are developing this further and they plan to work with Mrs Prentice (Business Manager) to take this forward.

- Reworking Merits (Freddie Cobb)

No further update.

- House Points (Archie Sommerville)

There has been a trial of competitions in PE, supporting the use of house points. This has been very positive and further work in this area is planned.

- Reward (Caitlin Cox)

There is a plan to put out a survey on gathering the views from young people on receiving rewards. Further work is planned to decide what this might look like.

Members heard from the Perth & Kinross Climate Change Conference delegates who presented their learning. This presentation will now be shared with all year groups through assemblies.

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Year Teams provided an update on their work:

- S1

Vice captains are supporting the S1/2 Christmas Party and have engaged in craft activities. They have also met to discuss skills and decided what is most important to them.

- S2

Vice captains are supporting the S1/2 Christmas Party and have been discussing recycling. They have also been engaged in the 'High Expectations, no excuses and only your best will do' programme.

- S3

Vice captains are planning to have a movie night.

- S4

Vice captains had a movie night on 11 December.

- S5

Vice captains have surveyed the year group and plan to have a celebration movie night after the prelims.

- S6

School and house captains have been organising the Winter Ball, a gingerbread competition and are currently planning the end of term activities.

4. Debate: How should the Pupil Parliament spend our budget of £2,000 to improve the school?

Members debated the following themes:

- Creation of a bidding system for people to apply for funding for extra-curricular and subjects
- Distribute money to year teams to improve the pupil experience
- Introduction of more bins

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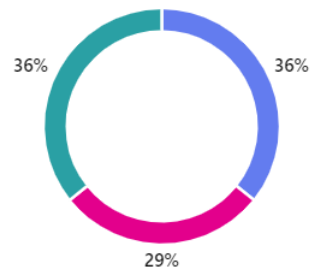
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The following motions were proposed and voted upon.

This Parliament supports the creation of a bidding system to allow young people to bid for funding to support extra-curricular activities. (Proposer: Alex Yaw, Seconder: Nayyarah Bilal)

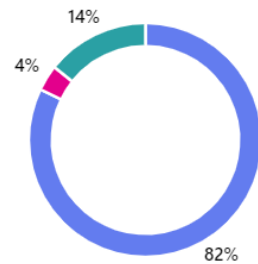
● For	10
● Against	8
● Abstain	10



Motion passed. Alex Yaw and Nayyarah Bilal will now take forward this action and report back on progress at the next meeting of Pupil Parliament.

This Parliament supports the creation of a bidding system to allow young people to bid for funding to support year group experiences. (Proposer: Finn Gilfillan, Seconder: Alex Yaw)

● For	23
● Against	1
● Abstain	4



Motion passed. Finn Gilfillan and Alex Yaw will now take forward this action and report back on progress at the next meeting of Pupil Parliament.



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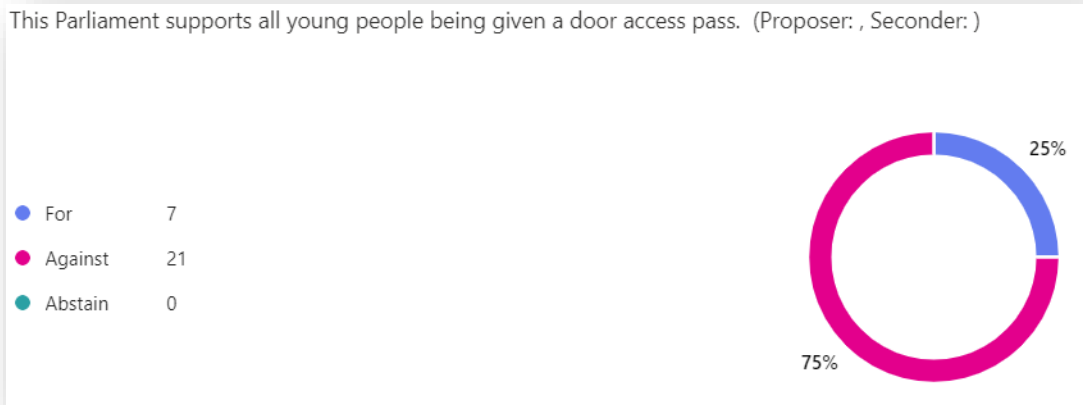
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5. Debate: Should all pupils be given a door access pass?

Members debated the above motion and voted on the following:



Motion did not pass.

This Parliament supports all young people accessing extra-curricular clubs at lunch being given a door access pass. (Proposer: Lily Stephen, Seconder:)



Motion passed. The clerk will now liaise with Mrs Prentice (Business Manager) to implement this motion.

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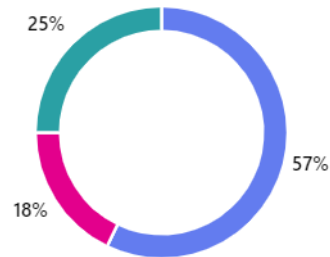
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This Parliament supports all young people accessing music lessons being given a door access pass. (Proposer: Lily Stephen, Seconder:)

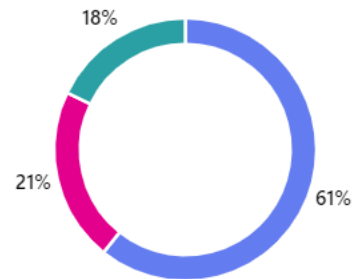
● For	16
● Against	5
● Abstain	7



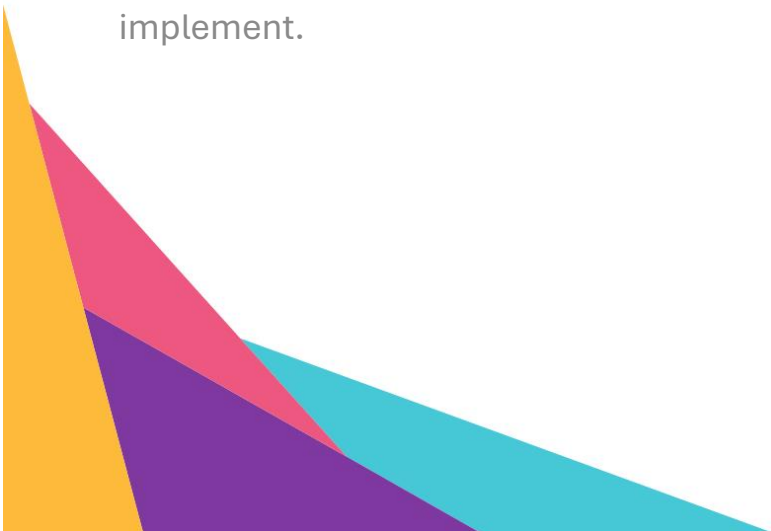
Motion passed. The Clerk will liaise with Mrs Prentice (Business Manager) to implement.

This Parliament supports any pupil being able to apply for a door access pass. (Proposer: Erin Patrick, Seconder:)

● For	17
● Against	6
● Abstain	5



Motion passed. The Clerk will liaise with Mrs Prentice (Business Manager) to implement.



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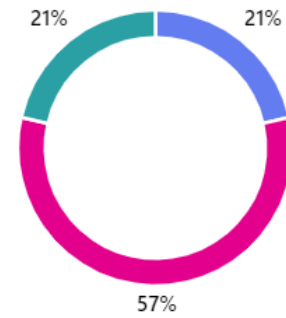
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This Parliament supports all classrooms being given a door access pass. (Proposer: , Seconder:)

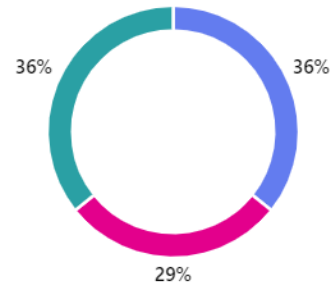
- For 6
- Against 16
- Abstain 6



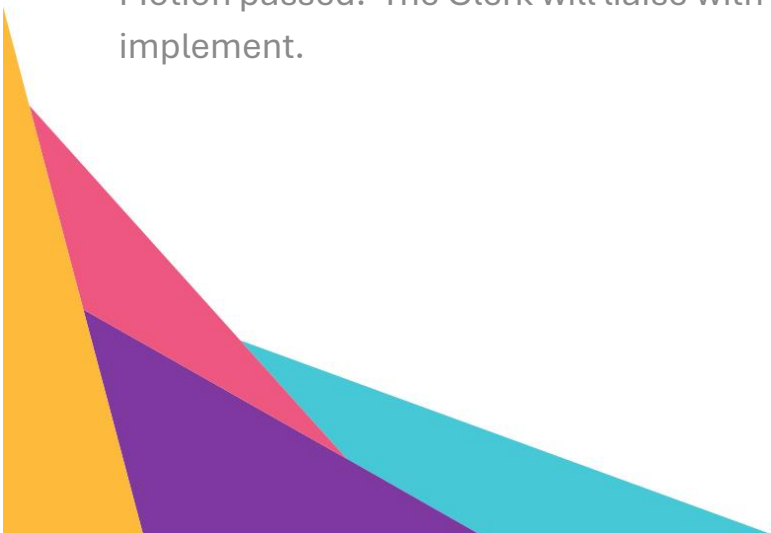
Motion did not pass.

This Parliament supports young people who access Pupil Support before lunch being given a door access pass. (Proposer: , Seconder:)

- For 10
- Against 8
- Abstain 10



Motion passed. The Clerk will liaise with Mrs Prentice (Business Manager) to implement.



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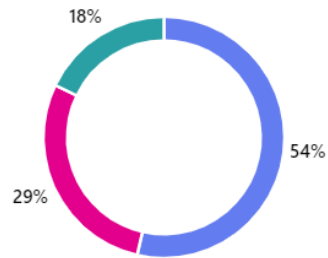
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This Parliament supports all vice captains, school captains and house captains being given a door access pass. (Proposer: , Seconder:)

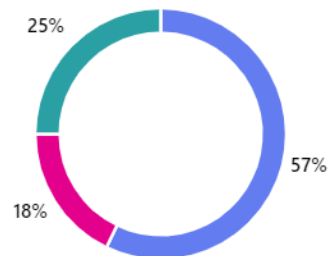
● For	15
● Against	8
● Abstain	5



Motion passed. The Clerk will liaise with Mrs Prentice (Business Manager) to implement.

This Parliament supports all prefects, school captains and house captains being given a door access pass. (Proposer: , Seconder:)

● For	16
● Against	5
● Abstain	7



Motion passed. The Clerk will liaise with Mrs Prentice (Business Manager) to implement.

