

Pupil Parliament 2024-25

Minute

Thursday 19 September 2024 (14:00-15:40)



1. Welcome

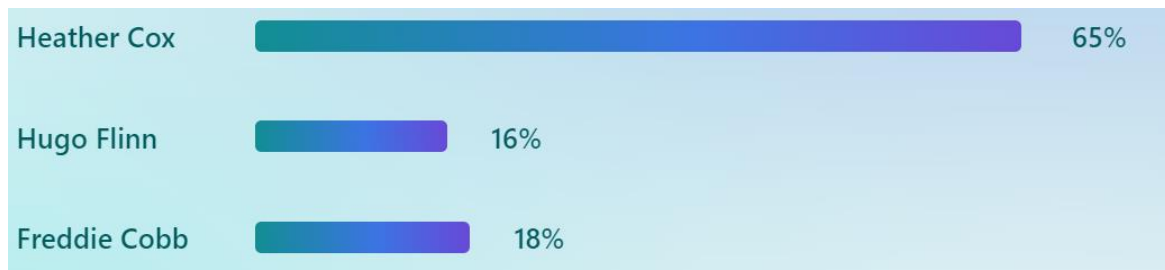
The Pupil Parliament Clerk chaired the first part of the meeting until the Presiding Officer was elected. The Clerk welcomed members to the first Pupil Parliament of session 2024-25. Podcasting is provided by Lewis Hannah.

Mrs Brown (Headteacher) opened and welcomed members to session 2024-25. Mrs Brown challenged members to use their voice to share their views, ideas and change in the coming session.

2. Election of the Presiding Officer

The Clerk chaired the election of the Presiding Officer. Three nominations were received for Presiding Officer: Hugo Flinn, Heather Cox and Freddie Cobb. Each candidate delivered a speech asking members to vote for them.

43 votes were cast as follows:



As Heather Cox received more than 50% of the vote in the first vote, Heather was elected as Presiding Officer for session 2024-25.

Heather took the chair as Presiding Officer and thanked all members for their vote.

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3. Election of the Depute Presiding Officers

The Presiding Officer opened nominations for Depute Presiding Officers. There were two roles available, one for S1-3 and one for S4-6. The following nominations were received:

BGE (S1-3): Caitlin Cox, Hugo Flinn, Alfie Brennan, Hadia Bilal, Ben Jones

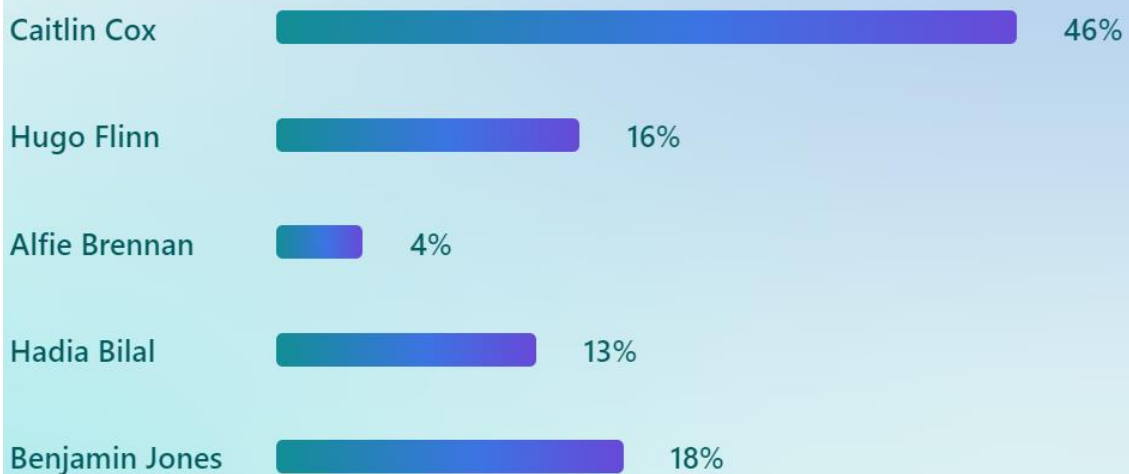
Senior Phase (S4-6): Finn Gilfillan, Lily Stephen, Alex Yaw

All candidates delivered a speech asking members to vote for them.

S1-3

43 votes were received and after round one the results were as follows:

Please vote for the candidate you wish to be Depute Presiding Officer (S1-3).



As no candidate received 50% of the vote, the candidate with the least number of votes was eliminated (Alfie Brennan).

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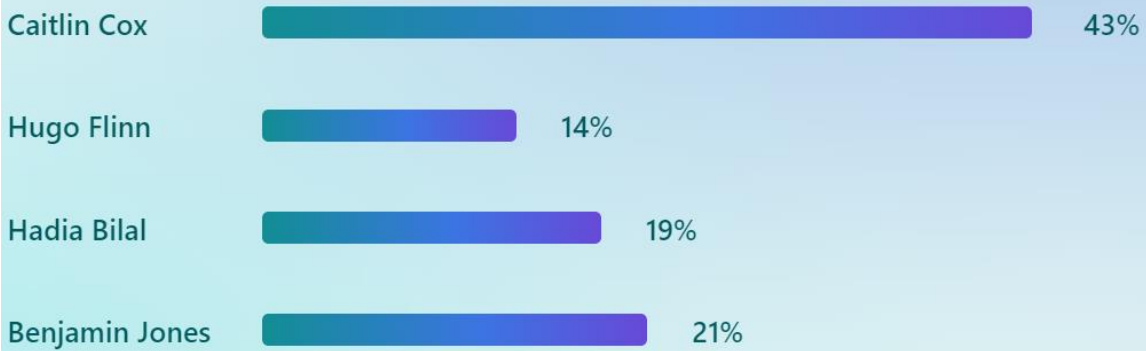
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Round 2 of voting continued with 41 votes represented as follows:

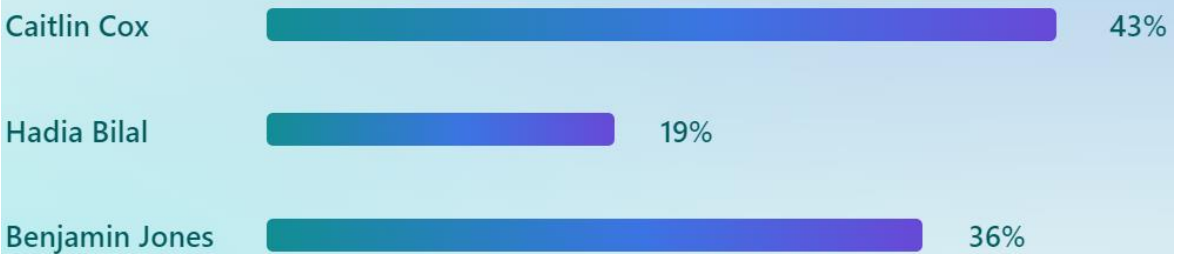
Please vote for the candidate you wish to be Depute Presiding Officer (S1-3).



As no candidate received 50% of the vote, the candidate with the fewest votes was eliminated (Hugo Flinn).

Round 3 of voting continued with 41 votes as follows:

Please vote for the candidate you wish to be Depute Presiding Officer (S1-3).



As no candidate received 50% of the votes, the candidate with the fewest votes was eliminated (Hadia Bilal).

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Round 4 of voting concluded with the following 42 votes:

Please vote for the candidate you wish to be Depute Presiding Officer (S1-3).

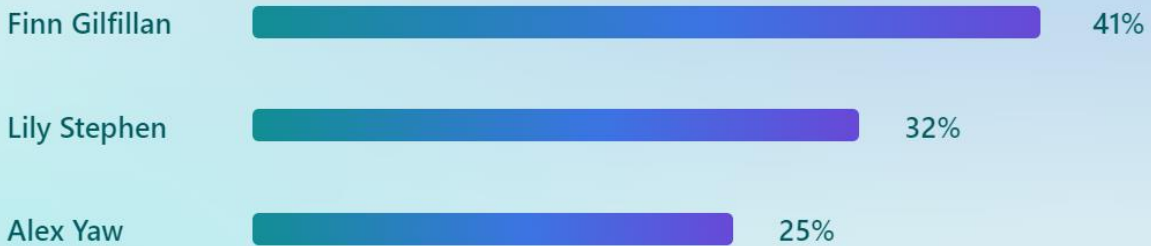


As Ben Jones received more than 50% of votes, Ben was elected as Depute Presiding Officer (S1-3).

S4-6

In round 1 of voting, candidates received 43 votes as shown below:

Please vote for your preferred S4-6 DPO?



As no candidate received 50% of votes, the candidate with the fewest votes was eliminated (Alex Yaw).

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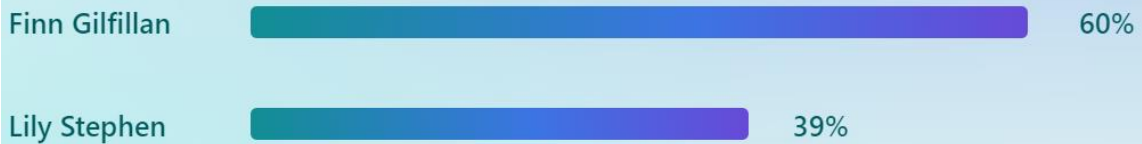
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In round 2 of voting, 41 votes were received as follows:

Please vote for your preferred S4-6 DPO?



As Finn Gilfillan received more than 50% of the vote, Finn was elected as the Deputy Presiding Officer (S4-6).

4. Appointment of Members of the Business Group

The Business Group is made up of one member from each year group and the Presiding Officer Team. Together they decide on the agendas for each meeting of the Pupil Parliament. Each year group nominated a representative to join the Business Group.

Members of the Business Group 2024-25: Ailah Bullock (S1), Elloise Twedde (S2), Hadia Bilal (S3), Eisean Wilding (S4), Alex Yaw (S5), Ishbel Maclennan (S6), Heather Cox (Presiding Officer), Ben Jones (Deputy Presiding Officer), Finn Gilfillan (Deputy Presiding Officer).

5. Opening Statements

The Presiding Officer invited members to deliver their opening statements to set out what they hoped to achieve over the coming year.

10 members opted to deliver an opening speech to Parliament.

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The following themes were included in opening statements:

- Fundraising opportunities
- Year groups working together to support each other
- Environmental opportunities to look after our campus
- Gathering views from young people using Tutor Support Group
- How to gather the views of all young people to enact change
- Hosting good debates
- Leaving a lasting legacy

6. Photographs and Signing

The Presiding Officer closed business.

Members concluded by participating in photographs and signing of the constitution.

