FOUNTAINS HIGH School
KIND HEARTS | WISE MINDS | BRAVE SOULS

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

Student Voice

Every learner heard, however they communicate

What is student voice?

Student voice means every learner has the chance to share their views, make choices and influence decisions about their learning, their school and their future. At Fountains, voice is not only spoken: we value every way a learner communicates, whether through speech, signing, symbols or alternative and augmentative communication. We take each pupil's perspective seriously and show them that what they say makes a difference.



AUTONOMY

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Shaping our school

Elected School Council

Pupils vote for representatives who share ideas from their class and help make decisions.

Eco and E-Safety Committees

Learners lead on caring for our environment and on helping everyone stay safe online.

Learners shape enrichment

Pupils suggest clubs and activities, and their ideas inform what we offer.

Student recruitment panels

Student representatives support the recruitment process when we appoint new staff.

COMPETENCE

WISE MINDS

Finding and using my voice

Communication for all

Whole-school communication support, including signing, symbols and AAC, helps every learner express themselves.

Oracy development

Learners build the skills and confidence to speak, listen and be understood.

Debate and discussion

Lessons make space to discuss ideas, ask questions and share opinions.

Respecting different perspectives

Learners hear views that differ from their own and respond with respect.

RELATEDNESS

KIND HEARTS

Listening to every learner

Annual reviews

Pupils share their views, wishes and aspirations as part of their own review.

Regular student surveys

Surveys such as Enjoyment of Learning and Reading for Pleasure tell us what matters to learners.

Future Skills Questionnaire

The CEC questionnaire captures learners' confidence in key skills and their hopes for the future.

Careers action planning

Learners plan their next steps with an independent careers adviser, so their goals shape their pathway.

Why student voice matters

1. **Confidence and self-advocacy**
   Making choices and speaking up for what they need prepares learners for adulthood.
2. **Belonging**
   When pupils see their ideas taken seriously, they feel valued as part of our school community.
3. **A better school for everyone**
   Pupils' views help us shape learning, enrichment and support around what works for them.