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STUDENT VOICE UPDATE

What has Student Voice been up to this term?

The start of this term has been a busy one for Student Voice (SV).

After the incredible successes of the Christmas events, we felt it was paramount to keep that positivity rolling on into 2024. Therefore, SV has been doubling down and focusing on the mental wellbeing of all students and staff members alike.

Student Voice Video of the Week

Some of us golden oldies may have forgotten what life was like as a teenager, trying to navigate the complexities of hormones whilst dealing with the stresses of achievement. But, SV are here to remind us that life can be tough for everyone. Therefore, we came up with the plan to have five to ten minutes every week where we forget about our worries and just enjoy a moment. So, every week in form time, students and staff will receive a video (selected by students) that is purely for entertainment and enjoyment purposes. So far we have had some amazing feedback from both staff and students and it seems to be going down a treat. It has been really nice to hear students coming together and discussing how funny these videos are rather than focusing on exam worries or other stresses.

Wear Red Day

That's right, Outwood Academy Freeston have once again supported the members of our school community and any child with a heart condition by donating to the CHSF (Children's Heart Surgery Fund). We focus on this charity because SV is run by the students in our school and one student in particular has gone to a lot of effort to get this charity organised and set up. Therefore, all day on Friday 2nd February, students in our academy could wear red in support of the CHSF.

What's to Come?

There are so many different and incredible ideas being given out by our student cabinet, and unfortunately we can't cover them all at the same time. However, next term will have a big focus on sustainability and pride in our school and community. We will focus on recycling, litter and the potential of reviving the school gardening club! Watch this space for more updates.

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