**Upper School Student Council Meeting Friday 6th June 2025**. 2.20pm in the sports hall.

**Apologies:** Robinson, Glaramara, Helvellyn, Bowfell

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| **Agenda** | **Minutes** | **Action** |
| **Re-cap last meeting and progress towards last actions.** | We welcomed Sarah Heywood from Westmorland and Furness Council and confirmed that our name idea for the SEND Council network is *Neurospicy Network* (Evie’s idea). Chloe also suggested *United Disabled Student Council* and Oli suggested *SEND helping our community (*agreement that Oli’s would be better as a strapline rather than a name).  Katy has spoken to Karen and Jen about a Pride Month display. We aim to start the display next week.  The Student Council celebration afternoon will be on Tuesday 8th July 2-3pm (or maybe from 13.30 if classes can manage it). Aiming for a party at Sandy Bottoms or similar, but the hall is booked in case of bad weather. This is just for student councillors. Alfie from Pillar is included in this and I’ll make sure he has a councillor badge as he has contributed so much this year in addition to the original Pillar councillors Klayton and Jess.  Katy wrote letters about the Big Green Week Cake Stall (Sat 14th June) and Pauline distributed them in Eco Club. Max has been busy supporting Colin in his efforts!  Katy confirmed that Kids Day In (the sports day that Chloe had asked about) will be held on Wednesday 11th June and that there will be a bouncy castle if the weather is ok. Students keen to see the timetable but I reassured them that teachers will show them.  In addition to the actions from the last meeting, 8 of the student councillors interviewed one of our other student councillors, Rosie from Fairfield. They asked her about her Sandgate Class Name Fell Walking Challenge and Katy made a video about it to share with classes and the school Facebook page. Well done everyone! | Sarah Heywood to arrange a vote on all the name suggestions (suggestions have been made by other schools).  Ella will be absent due to back operation. Katy to ensure her contributions are rewarded – a card from all councillors as well as certificate etc. Katy has an idea to chat to Bryony about!  Is there a visual Kids Day In timetable for students? If not, Katy might make one! |
| **Question/topic from Westmorland and Furness Council**  **Re: Sports clubs/activities for SEND** | Sarah reported that she’d taken Evie’s comment about a lack of inclusive sports clubs back to the Council – to Anna Larden at Active Cumbria. Anna agreed that there was a lack of sports activities for young people with SEND and that all sports clubs needed to become more inclusive and better advertised. Anna has secured funding to provide some activities and to educate existing clubs about SEND and how to be more inclusive. Now she needs some more information/ideas from our students: what kinds of sports activities? Ages and numbers of students interested? What kind of location/day/time? | Based on some excellent suggestions from students for how to acquire this information, Katy will make a survey for all interested students to fill in. Sarah will then act on this, ready for autumn term.  Katy will also ask Jen Harris about her experiences of youth rugby club so that Katy can share it with Sarah Heywood. This might shape the inclusivity and safeguarding education sessions offered to clubs. |
| **Student Suggestion box and any other business** | Students asked about dates and details of events this term (such as BBQ), which led to questions about the ‘unofficial opening’ on Weds 11th June and questions about why we don’t have full electrical power. Mature questions and responses.  Chloe asked about a summer talent show. The short answer – which she knew – was ‘no’! Of course, anyone is welcome to organise low key performances in a classroom (as Lucy did last year) but there is no obligation, and the councillors understood that the show at Christmas was enough for one year! They are also aware that there are extra events for leavers this term. | Katy to try to put together a visual of key dates for the term. Aided by newsletter to parents containing dates of events. |