



INVER COLLEGE

STUDENT COUNCIL CONSTITUTION

September 2017

Role of the Student Council

- To create in cooperation with the principal, staff and students, a better school life for the student of our school.
- To provide students with opportunities of leadership and to develop in all students a sense of responsibility
- To encourage the students in the school to become more aware of how the school is run and to constructively identify and express their needs
- To contribute to overall school development by being involved in school policy development and to be a resource in working in partnership with the management of the school.
- To act as a liaison where appropriate between the students and the teaching staff and management.

Structure of the Student Council

The council will consist of two democratically elected representatives of first, second, third, Transition year, fifth and sixth year, *one female and one male. Also Head Boy and Head girl will be members.*

Elections

- Elections will be held at the end of September of the new school year
- Elections will be democratic and by secret ballot
- Only the students will vote in Student Council elections.
- Each student will have only one vote
- A student can either nominate themselves or another student if the student accepts the nominee a vote will take place
- The votes will be counted by a nominated teacher

Term of Office

Each member will serve for one academic year, from the date of election until the following June.

Officers/Activities

After the council has been formed, the entire council must elect the following officers:

Chairperson

Deputy Chairperson

Secretary

- The chairperson will run the meeting, adhere to the agenda and direct all comments through the chair. The chairperson will endeavour to ensure that all council members have the chance to express their views.
- The Vice Chairperson will act in the absence of the Chairperson or Secretary
- The Secretary will record the minutes
- Will publicise Student Council activities, issue press releases, maintain the Student Council notice- board and make relevant intercom announcements
- All members will report back to their classes on matters discussed at meeting and bring issues raised by their classmates at meetings.

Sub Committees

The student council reserves the right to form sub-committees. A sub-committee will consist of at least 3 members. Sub-committees must report regularly to the council on their progress

Meetings

The student council will meet once a month unless an emergency meeting needs to be called. Decisions will be made by a majority vote. A student Council Liaison Officer will assist in the smooth running of the meeting but in so far as in possible, students should run their affairs entirely on their own initiative. For any major decision to be voted on or agreed, at least two thirds of the council must be present at the meeting.

Attendance/Discipline

- A member of the student council can be removed if his/her school behaviour is deemed to be unacceptable
- A member of the student council can be removed if they are absent from three meetings without a valid reason
- A vote will be held by the other council members to remove said person

Adopted on 9th October 2017

Signed: 
Chairperson, Board of Management.