

James Gillespie's High School Council

Welcome to the School Council. The Council is for all parents and carers in the JGHS community.

All meetings are open to everyone – and we have staff and student involvement too. The School Council has been running for a year now, and replaces the previous PTA and School Board arrangements. This year our work has included:

- Working with the school to improve the information shared with parents about curriculum and study expectations;
- Working with staff on healthy eating, Active Schools, and the Health Promoting School status;
- Raising concerns about the cuts in the school budget;
- Working with other parent council representatives from the feeder primary schools and other 'wave 3' secondary schools, campaigning for refurbishment and renewal in our school buildings;
- Supporting the school in its links with Zwelebanzi High School in South Africa;
- Learning from each other about supporting our young people through secondary school;
- Developing better communication with all parents, including non-resident parents.
- Running social events, such as the Burns Supper Ceilidh, and providing refreshments at school parents' nights and other events.

There is much more planned for the coming year, and we very much hope that you will get involved. Sign up for the regular e-bulletins from the School Council:

council@jghs.org.uk

Look at our website: **<http://council.jghs.org.uk>**

If you don't use email, then please leave your address and phone number with the School council representatives, or with the school Office, and we will add you to the mailing list.

DATES OF AUTUMN SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETINGS:

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| Tuesday 2 nd September. | Theme: Health Promoting School |
| Tuesday 7 th October. | Theme: Perspectives on School Uniform |
| Tuesday 4 th November. | Theme: To be decided |
| Tuesday 2 nd December. | Annual General Meeting |

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All Meetings take place from 7pm (coffee and tea first) in the School – check at reception for venue. If you need any assistance that will make it easier for you to come along, please let us know.

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