



JOG Student Council

Year 10

JOG School Council – Vision

Our vision is to have an effective, regular forum for students to voice their opinion, and that of their peers, about all aspects of life at John O’Gaunt.

Your involvement in decision making is important to us, and we hope to be able to use JOG School Council as a central way to consult and listen to students on important issues.

The role of the JOG School Council will be to listen to and represent the views of all students in our school.

We will be looking to the JOG School Council to provide a significant contribution to improving the overall experience of students and ensure that students feel they have been given the opportunity to express themselves.

As a member of the JOG School Council you will be supported to formulate clear arguments, represent the views of others and then offer feedback to peers on any decisions made.

There will be two JOG School Council representatives per year group in 2020-21.

Why should you care?

It is important to give JOG students the opportunity to develop and demonstrate leadership skills. Everyone can get involved and take part, and opportunities for leadership will start in Year 7 and continue throughout the school.

We are hoping to develop this forum so that as students progress through school, they will have the opportunity to be a part of the school council and:

- Represent their year group's opinions at regular School Council meetings
- Have a say in the vision for JOG and to have an impact on decision making
- Represent the school in a range of activities
- Sit on interview panels for new staff
- Develop leadership skills

Qualities needed:

- A desire to make a positive difference
- The ability to listen to others
- The ability to speak in front of others (or the desire to get better at this)
- A responsible, mature outlook
- Team work skills
- A willingness to represent the school and its students
- Leadership skills (or the desire to develop these more)
- A willingness to attend meetings as required at break time, or tutorial time, or after school
- A willingness to have meetings virtually (via TEAMS and in school time) if necessary (due to Covid)

The Process:

1. Interested candidates put themselves forward to their Tutor.
2. Interested candidates then prepare and deliver a short speech to the TG on why they should be put forward – qualities, vision for JOG, why they would be the best choice to be representative etc.
3. TG votes anonymously.
4. Top two candidates from each TG are put forward to an interview panel consisting of Progress Leader and a sample of students from the Year Group.
5. Panel decides on Year Group representatives to be elected onto the JOG School Council.
6. The commitment will be for the full academic year 2020-21 and attendance at all meetings is compulsory.