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Dear parents and carers

RE: Formation of a Trust Pupil Council

I am delighted to share with you a new opportunity we are offering across all of our schools for all pupils from Y5 upwards, beginning in the new academic year of 2022/23. Over the coming weeks, your child/children will receive information about our newly formed Trust Pupil Council and will be able to put themselves forward to be part of it. Northern Ambition Academies Trust is committed to encouraging more pupils to get involved in school life and our new Pupil Council seeks to do this. It will provide an appropriate forum where pupils can raise issues, be consulted on things and give their views. The representatives of the Pupil Council will have an important role to play in school improvement by ensuring that the pupil perspective is represented and considered.

What will the Pupil Council do?

Our Pupil Council will be a group of pupils from Y5 to Y12, from across all of our schools, who act as representatives of their classmates in discussing school and/or Trust issues with the CEO, headteacher and Trustees/Academy Councillors (governors) or other staff as appropriate. Pupils will be elected to represent the views of all pupils and also to help further improve their school and the Trust. Our Trust Pupil Council will be able to not only offer feedback from their own school, but to offer thoughts about how we could operate better as a school and as a Trust. Our Trust Pupil Council will be selected initially by myself and school leaders, but will then be elected annually by the other children and young people across Northern Ambition Academies Trust.

Some examples of Pupil Council activities will be:

- Meet with staff (could be the CEO, a headteacher, support staff or a teacher!) each term to discuss and find solutions for any issues/themes. These could include school lunches, behaviour or ideas for fundraising events.
- Members of the Pupil Council will be responsible for then carrying out the ideas/solutions that have been agreed upon, such as planning events, writing newspaper articles, or meeting with catering staff.
- Represent their school and/or the Trust at events/meetings as appropriate.
- Each year, each school will elect two representatives to be members of the Trust Pupil Council.

I really do hope that you will support your child or children should they be keen to be part of the Pupil Council. They may need some support with their application form or simply some encouragement if they lack the confidence to do this. We are hoping for lots of application forms by the deadline of Friday 1st July!

If you have any questions, please feel free to get in touch via information@northernambition.org.uk

Yours sincerely,



Elizabeth Fairhurst
CEO