

Student Council

Scoil Réalt na Mara

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Role of Student Council

- The role of the Student Council is to:
 - ❑ provide an opportunity for pupils to voice their opinions and offer suggestions in relation to many aspects of school life
 - ❑ discuss issues relevant to our school and encourage and promote initiatives from the pupils
 - ❑ offer an opportunity for all pupils to voice their opinions on proposed changes and thereby play a very significant role in improving our school
 - ❑ encourage pupils, and thereby their parents, to organise events central to the life of the school

The Election Process

- Representatives from Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Classes are elected by **secret ballot** and take a seat on the Council for the duration of that academic year.
- Nominees are invited to canvass prior to election.
- The elected pupils are required to be active participants in the Council, to attend meetings regularly, participate in activities and be a role model for other students.

Meetings

- Prior to meetings, the Student Council representatives collect ideas and suggestions from all classes, for the agenda.
- These items are then discussed, brought to Staff Meetings and sometimes to the Parents' Association Meetings, for further deliberation.
- As well as bringing matters to the Council for discussion, the members are required to report the outcome of meetings to the other classes.
- Meetings are once a month at lunchtime

Other Roles

- The Council has an important role to play in the organisation of:
- Open Days
- Talent Shows
- Special occasions i.e. opening of school extension, new library etc.
- Special presentations.

Example of discussion areas

- Topics that come under discussion at Student Council meetings may include the following:
 - ✓ school rules
 - ✓ behaviour and discipline
 - ✓ health and safety
 - ✓ homework
 - ✓ Friendship and anti-bullying
 - ✓ lunchtime games and activities
 - ✓ school uniform
 - ✓ fundraising
 - ✓ making yard a happier place
 - ✓ students' yearbook