



Vinehall School Council

2003/4

The Vinehall School Council has been running for three years and has established itself as a successful voice for all pupils. The opportunity for all pupils to discuss whole school issues within the form councils held during PHSE shows a real example of democracy in action and active citizenship.

This academic year has seen a number of practical suggestions put forward and which are now either in place or are shortly to be adopted. If you attended Sports Day, you will have seen the House crests which were designed by the pupils and donated by the 2003/4 leavers. There was extensive comment on the new magazine and the new shields and many of the suggestions in these areas have been adopted.

The Michaelmas term will see the creation of House Captains as a new role of responsibility and the Food and Charity committees now operate as an integral part of the Council. Inevitably some of the suggestions cannot be adopted and others take time. There is ongoing investigation into an adventure trail for example but it is interesting to see how just the discussion of an idea and its presentation can plant seeds which then grow to fruition.

It has always been considered impractical to move to a cafeteria system, a very popular suggestion in the early days of School Council but, now three years later, a new servery and salad bar is going to be trialled next year.



The new servery