

TrustEd Schools Talk

TrustEd Student Parliament In Action

We are delighted to share an update on the work of our students and pupils.

On 12 March, 17 students from our Trust schools met up in person for the first time to decide how they were going to make an impact as part of the TrustEd Student Parliament.

Church Stretton School hosted the event providing excellent facilities and refreshments. The students took part in a Team building exercise organised by Lyndsey Dillion the Sports Coordinator. Students worked against students and staff against students, and all were triumphant in different activities.



We ended the day by working together to consider methods of raising money, where Evie Pawson from Belvidere had the excellent idea of creating a Student Parliament Go Fund Me page with the intention of reaching as many students and families as possible. All the trust schools will have casual clothes days and cake bakes to raise further funds.

Each school will have assemblies to hear all about the chosen charities and how the students working together will make a big difference after Easter.

So, everyone, look out and get ready for an amazing difference our TrustEd students will make now they are in charge!

Mrs Bell, Coordinator of Trust Parliament



They then got down to the serious business of presentations on the chosen charities by the individual schools. Each school was required to identify a National and local charity. Everyone student gave a passionate delivery making the voting process difficult. After deliberations each student privately voted for the charities, they felt justified the Trust's support. Mrs Bell collected the votes in and after a Drum roll by our resident drummer Tom from Church Stretton it was announced that the National Charity would be 'Papyrus' the Charity working to prevent young suicide and the local charity 'Birmingham Children's Hospital'.



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“The meeting on Tuesday was truly an empowering experience. The opportunity to collaborate with my peers within the TrustEd parliament meant that we all were able to elevate each other’s ideas and build our confidence. To truly make the changes within the Trust that matter to the student body, we must communicate as a democracy, and our first in-person meeting allowed us to do just that.”

Tazkia Ahmed, Oldbury Wells Representative



Our Representatives

School	Representatives
Belvidere School	KS3 John Raybould KS4 Evie Pawson
Church Stretton School	KS3 Dora Turner KS4 Thomas Wright-Smith
Mary Webb School	KS3 Zia Montero KS4 George Rowe
Meole Brace School	KS3 Nimisha Robin KS4 Ben Carr
Oldbury Wells School	KS3 Max McCartney KS4 Taz Ahmed
Alveley Primary School	Ruby Hackett Ben Lawley
Castlefields Primary School	Elizabeth Barnshaw Darcey Compson-Perks
St Leonards CE Primary School	Abigail Higgot Isabella Rudd
Stokesay Primary School	Aiza Khalid Lily-Mae Brown



Pictured: Student Parliament Representatives meeting at Church Stretton School with Mrs Bell

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We chose two charities as our Trust Charities for the year. Our students say why they have picked them:



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Sadly, Mary Webb School lost James, a Year 11 student from our school community in late September 2022. This tragic loss was shocking and very sad for all who knew him. This not only had a great impact on them as a school, but also the primary school that he went to in our trust.

We have learnt that suicide is the biggest killer of under 35's in the UK and we want to help to change this and support anyone in need. This is why we have pick this charity.

Papyrus UK provides confidential support and advice to young people struggling with thoughts of suicide and anyone worried about a young person through their helpline.



Birmingham Children's hospital is a local Charity that looks after over 90,000 children a year.

St Leonards chose the Charity as one of their students is currently having treatment there and they would like to support the hospital and recognise the amazing work it does for many children in the area.

What's Next

1. The Trusted Student Parliament has set up a Go Fund Me page and would like you to get on social media and send the link to as many people as possible to raise the well needed funds for both charities.
2. Each school will be having a casual clothes day within the first 2 weeks after Easter- hopefully you will wear something either Blue or Red to represent one of the two charities.
3. Cake sales will be organised by each school.
4. When the money has been collected it will be divided equally then our Student Parliament representatives will present it to Papyrus and Birmingham Children's Hospital.

DONATE!

Please visit our Go Fund Me page to donate towards our two chosen charities. We will keep you up to date with all the work carried out by Student Parliament!

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/trusted-schools?utm_term=y5EYwjgqg

Thank you for your support!

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TrustEd Student Parliament Day at Church Stretton School

On Tuesday 15th March, George and I embarked on a trip to Church Stretton School where the TrustEd Student Parliament officially met up for the first time in person, which was very exciting! The experience was nothing short of transformative, brimming with anticipation and enthusiasm as we were absolutely prepared to present our chosen charities. We, exuding our confidence above our level, delivered an impactful presentation that set a high standard for the day. We felt assured that the trust would be swayed by our heartfelt pitches, advocating for causes close to the hearts of all at Mary Webb School.

Just to give you an idea of what the TrustEd Parliament is, it's a Student Parliament that has been set up to represent the voices of approximately 5000 students across the nine TrustEd Schools. It is coordinated by Mrs Bell from Oldbury Wells School.

Continuing explaining our experience, we engaged in a series of engaging team-building activities that fostered the unity and cooperation among the group. From problem-solving challenges to creative exercises, laughter and learning intertwined seamlessly, creating an atmosphere of shared accomplishment and mutual support. These activities not only strengthened bonds, but also honed the communication and leadership skills between different schools, preparing them for the tasks ahead.

Amidst the buzz of activity, we took a well-deserved break to enjoy a delicious meal together, exchanging our stories, memories, and laughter as we all bonded over our shared experiences. Following this moment of chill and relaxation, the focus shifted to the crucial tasks of selecting the beneficiaries of our fundraising efforts. Through a democratic voting process, the TrustEd Student Parliament has made the decision to support Papyrus UK as the official national charity and Birmingham Children's Hospital as their local charity, decisions made with heartfelt consideration and support.

Again, explaining our experiences, after the votes were counted and the charities successfully chosen, we wasted absolutely no time in channelling all of our energy and creativity onto brainstorming ideas on how to elevate our fundraising efforts. Armed with passion and determination, we collaboratively penned down a plethora of innovative strategies aimed at increasing awareness and raising crucial funds for the selected causes. With a shared commitment to making a difference, the group left no stone unturned in the task to ensure that more people will recognise the noble work of these charities and are inspired to contribute to these missions.

By Zia M 7C – Mary Webb School

