

**Trust Student Council Conference hosted by Saltash Community School, 22nd
March 2022**

Session	Notes
<p>1 – Welcome address by Head Students, Leon and Amy.</p>	<p>Amy and Leon welcome all delegates to Saltash’s conference. Amy explains that the theme for the conference is ‘leadership in our community’, what we can learning from leadership within our school community and leadership within our region of Cornwall. The student council, together with Mrs Gallie has worked hard to put this conference together over the past few weeks.</p> <p>‘TEAM Saltash’ Leon introduces Saltash’s values to the delegates explaining that they are promoted in everything the students do in school: Tenacity Empathy Aspiration Motivation</p> <p>Leon explains housekeeping and what to do if the fire alarm sounds.</p> <p>Amy talks through the agenda for the conference.</p>
<p>2 – Sports Leadership Activity, led by Jacob and the Level 1 KS4 Sports Leaders.</p>	<p>Jacob explains that through Sports Leadership, students are taken on a journey to gain life skills that will improve: Communication – ability to communicate with others. Self-belief – self-esteem and confidence in your ability. Teamwork – ability to work with others as part of a team. Self-efficacy – skills needed to manage your own work and personal development. Problem solving – ability to identify problems and what you need to do to problem solve.</p> <p>Jacob also explains that the hall has been split into activities to develop each of the areas mentioned above.</p> <p>Jacob splits the delegates into teams and explains each of the carousel activities. <i>Students start the carousel of activities.</i></p>
<p>3 – Break; student refreshments and student mixer activities led by Anna, Zane and Charlie.</p>	<p><i>Students break into small groups to eat and drink during break time and play the game – ‘Ding Bat’. They split into two teams and think of food and drink starting with letters of the alphabet, the first team to complete all the letters wins.</i></p>
<p>4 – Community Mural Activity led by Anna and Jayden. Presentation by Erin, Aaron and Summa community leaders.</p>	<p>Erin introduces the activity; the delegates sit with their own schools to create a canvas to take back with them as a memento of the conference.</p> <p>They work on creating an art piece on canvas of the South West using ‘papier mache’.</p> <p>During the activity, Saltash Student Council play a PowerPoint slide show that features inspiring and diverse leaders from across the South West.</p>

**5 – Working Lunch.
Discussion of questions
chaired by Charlie, Aaron
and Zane.**

Charlie introduces the questions and asks the first one.

Question 1:

If you had to place these in order, after your immediate family, what would be the three you feel most strongly you belong to.

The group discusses the question in their groups.

Most of the delegates had different answers, the following were mentioned the most:

- School
- Tutor Group
- Clubs
- Friends
- Class
- Great Britain
- Home
- Dance School
- Sporting Teams/Team Sports (working together and feeling connected, one community)
- Groups in school e.g. Student Council

The delegates discussed ideas and answered that participating in team sports makes them feel connects and belonging to community groups and groups in school such as the Student Council.

Mr Buckley asked if ‘belonging’ was an important thing?

The delegates agreed it was, so people are not forgotten about. It was also mentioned that you feel like you can do more if you are part of a community and it helps with Mental Health.

Question 2a:

What makes you feel like you belong?

Answers included:

- Feeling useful
- Being included/recognised
- Having the same interests
- Culture
- LGBTQ+
- Having someone that cares
- Friends
- Being kind
- Non-judgemental
- Teachers who inspire

Question 2b:

What would help more people feel like they belong?

More groups/activities

Open groups – being honest

Recognising each other’s achievements

Mr Buckley asked if it was easier or harder to answer these questions in person? *The Student Council have been meeting on Teams due to the Pandemic.*

Answers included:

	<p>Overall, easier in person as you can read the room and see how people are feeling. Some delegates were nervous speaking on Teams and preferred to have a nominated delegate on their table to put forward their views.</p> <p>Mr Buckley asked if there had been a dip in belonging due to online learning? Some felt that not everybody takes part online and just ‘turn up’ – there is less sense of responsibility to participate and you again can see how others are feeling in person.</p>
<p>6 – Closing Speech by Amy and Leon.</p>	<p>Leon thanked all the students for their excellent behaviour and participation during the day and thanked all the staff and students who had helped in the preparation and running of the event.</p> <p>Students handed out a box of wild flower seeds to each school and Anna explained there will be a competition over the next few months to see which school has grown the best flower garden!</p> <p>All delegates received a goodie bag as a thank you for attending.</p> <p>Mr Buckley added a thank you to all the students for organising such an impressive first Student Conference and that if anyone wanted to see the future leaders of Cornwall, they had all attended today.</p> <p><i>The delegates completed exit surveys about the conference before saying their goodbyes and returning to school.</i></p>