

## **General Assembly Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2013**

**Venue:** Old Hall

**Present:** Mr White, Deputy Headteacher, Mr Stevens, Head of Citizenship, Student Voice Representatives (School Council, EAL Council, Year 7, 8, 9, 10 and Sixth Form)

### **Apologies**

Mr White passed on Mr Wright's apologies. Due to the Ofsted visit, Mr Wright is unable to Chair the GA. Mr White will act as Chair in his absence.

### **Agenda**

1. India Project and the International charity election
2. Bicycle Helmets
3. Outside eating areas
4. Any other business

#### **Item 1 India Project and the International Charity Election**

Mr White explained that Lincoln Christ's Hospital School has been awarded International School Status several years in a row. The fantastic work that we do with our partner schools in other countries, including the India Project, not only plays an essential role in us receiving this prestigious award, but it also helps children in other countries. The annual democratic vote to decide which charities the school chooses will no longer include an international charity as we are already doing a great deal of work through our partner schools.

#### **Item 2 Bicycle Helmets**

Mr White referred to the letter from Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership (LRSP) and Mr Stevens explained that Mrs Daly, link Governor for Student Voice, had asked the School Council to find out what students think about the proposal to make the wearing of helmets compulsory for students in schools in Lincolnshire. Agn s Fitzpatrick, Chair of the School Council, revealed that the recent student surveys showed that the majority of bicycle users did not like the idea. However, the number of bicycles in the sheds on a daily basis did not match the number of users as per the tally charts received back from the tutor groups. Mr White asked the GA what they thought about the proposal to make the wearing of helmets compulsory. Agn s Fitzpatrick supported the idea. Salina Forth questioned how the rule could be enforced. Joe Brader suggested that an educational programme, including assemblies by LRSP, followed by a phased-in approach might be the best way forward. One student suggested introducing the Bikewise course. The GA voted unanimously against the proposal to make the wearing of bicycle helmets compulsory in the near future. The GA supports a gradual approach, starting with education, encouragement and training.

#### **Action**

School Council to discuss the possibility of starting a road safety campaign in partnership with the LRSP.

#### **Item 3 Outside eating areas**

Mr White explained that the Leadership Group was considering the Geography courtyard as another space for outside eating. GA favours the idea. Seating arrangements could include moving a few of the benches from the Biology courtyard.

#### **Action**

Leadership Group to discuss outside eating areas in more detail, including the proposal to move a few benches from the Biology courtyard to the Geography courtyard.

**There was no other business**