



Student Leadership Rationale 2021-2022

The rationale for developing student leadership in Walton Academy is found in Article 12 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child which sets out the right of children to express an opinion and to be included in decisions that involve and affect them.

All pupils have the opportunity to develop their leadership skills through leadership pathways within the academy

<https://schoolleaders.thekeysupport.com/pupils-and-parents/pupil-led-initiatives/student-leadership-models-secondary/>

Why develop student leadership?

- Provide opportunities for students to develop leadership skills which impact positively on learning, teaching and well-being for both students and staff
- Empower partnership work between students and staff
- Enable creativity to flourish so that a school community benefits from the wealth of experiences, ideas, skills and sense of fun that students add
- Prepare students for next steps, including Higher Education, to aim to achieve both professional and personal excellence in life after formal education
- Further promote democratic British Values throughout the academy

Academy Development 2021 2022

Academy priority 1: Exceptional Student offer

Leaders focus on pupils. They develop a curriculum that is ambitious and designed to give all pupils, particularly disadvantaged pupils and including pupils with SEND, the currency of knowledge, strength in character and the cultural capital they need to succeed in life.

Academy Aims;

1. Student leadership is embedded throughout all year groups at Walton through our Character education
2. Students develop into responsible citizens
3. Students expand their knowledge and understanding of responsibility and leadership.
4. Students enhance their communication and interpersonal skills

5. Students are more engaged with faculties and articulately promote Walton both within the academy, with visitors and to the wider community

Academy Actions;

1. Foster a culture of leadership involving students at all Academy events
2. Students Leadership spreadsheet developed in partnership with faculties
3. Clear job descriptions are developed for each leadership role to provide clarity to students and staff
4. Ensure regular opportunities for student voice are included in QA calendar and through regular student council meetings/feedback
5. Student voice is used to identify where new leadership roles are needed to support the Walton student community.

Student leadership details are available on SharePoint;

- [Walton Academy - student leadership offer](#)

Further reading

- [https://www.britishcouncil.org.lb/sites/default/files/g139_core_skills_brochure_en_high_res_f
or_web.pdf](https://www.britishcouncil.org.lb/sites/default/files/g139_core_skills_brochure_en_high_res_f_or_web.pdf)