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WE'RE FORMING OUR OWN SCHOOL COUNCIL...



The establishment of a Smart School Council (SSC) at St Bees is well underway.

One of our strengths at St Bees is to develop in our students the maturity to take responsibility for their own decisions, behaviour and attitude towards learning. Setting up a Smart School Council is

a natural result of this enterprise, spearheaded through the Global Awareness Programme (GAP).

Smart School Councils help every young person to engage and lead change in their world. Used by 360 schools across the world, SSCs provide the framework to involve every student in decision-making, social action and developing key skills for life.

Small groups undertake activities in response to priorities recommended and voted on by students. Similarly, some of the clubs offered by the school may be run by students as a service to others.

Although leadership within the SSC in other schools is normally reserved for older students, our experience of the last six months has shown that many of our students have grown greatly in maturity and, despite their young age, are very capable of undertaking such responsibilities.

TAKING A LOOK BEHIND THE SCENES

What really goes on at an Assessment Morning? Well, to be honest, we can't really tell you all the secrets as that'd give the game away. But - what we can do is give you a sneak peak into what our last three Assessment Mornings involved (a bit) and how they went.

Assessment Mornings are as much for our new, prospective students as they are for us here at St Bees. We like to think of them as "you are interviewing us" just as we are "interviewing" you. Is St Bees good enough for you? We certainly hope so... but it's a good chance for both parties to find out.

We've held three Assessment Mornings recently and seen many, many wonderful candidates. After a brief intro into the school, we take the children away to do a group task. And it's a fun task - honest! Comments of **"that was awesome"**, **"can we stay"**, and **"that was the best fun ever"** were all given following the mornings.

The task is intended to allow the students to shine. For at St Bees, **we are looking for students with a bit of spark. A bit of creativity. Natural leaders. Who shine with potential. It doesn't have to be academic** - but they have to be children who want to exceed. Who have a **zest and passion for learning.**



For here at St Bees, we have a **zest and a passion for inspiring** and giving these children wings. It is then for them to fly... and so they will.

Following the Assessment Mornings, we are now well on track to having 50 students in September. It's an exciting leap and a monumental step in the growth of the school. And most importantly - it is not too late to apply.

So do get in touch today - admissions@stbeesschool.co.uk - to come for a chat and give us the chance to show you how we can truly change the lives of those who are ready for this once-in-a-lifetime challenge...