

The Cardinal Wiseman School Council meets for the first time this year.....

The **School Council** got together on *Thursday 17th October* for a working lunch. It was an absolute privilege to work with such a talented and enthusiastic group of youngsters. Indeed I came away from the meeting feeling really energised and inspired – so thank-you.

The School Council has an important part to play in the leadership of the school. It is a means by which the pupils here at Cardinal Wiseman feel included and represented in the decision making processes, and one of the first jobs of the School Council will be the setting up of our school **Prefect system** no less – more information to follow on this in due course.

I will now hand over to **Halton Besong-Nso-Chana** who wrote a brilliant speech when running to be 9Bo's representative. He says much more than I ever could about why the school council is so important in the continued development of this school....

*"Fellow Classmates,
I stand before you today as a candidate for School Council. In this position, I assure you I will work hard on your behalf, listen to your ideas and do everything in my power to make this school the best that it can be.*

I stand before you today not only as a candidate, but also as your friend. And like a good friend, I will be honest with you about the challenges our school faces. I will do my best to communicate with you and keep you informed.

As your friend, I will also be asking you for your help. Not one person has all of the answers or can do all of the work: a chain is only as strong as its weakest link. Together we must be strong and cooperate to achieve our goals.

As you can see, the future depends on our ability to work together; cooperation and teamwork will get us far. If you elect me as your school council rep I vow to lead with openness and ability. As the author Margaret Mead once said "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world, indeed, it is the only thing that ever has".

My name is Halton I humbly ask for your vote."

Mrs Buckle

