

**Lansdowne School
School Council Minutes
20th March 2026**

Chair: Mr Downing

Key Discussion Points:

Mr Downing wanted to share with School Council Members that how Teaching Assistants (TAs) work in Lansdowne School will be changing after the upcoming Easter break. He said that TAs will now be allocated to each class instead of specific subjects. He said that 1:1 Teaching Assistants will remain the same. Mr Downing shared that a lot of thought and consideration has gone into this change and he feels that it will be very positive.

Lily (Year 8) feels that TAs will be able to help more in lessons and with pupil's reading and education.

O'Neil (Year 11) shared that it will be different and he will miss seeing some TAs.

Alfie (Year 13) said that this is a good idea and will help pupils.

Elijah (Year 13) asked what will happen if a TA is unwell. Mr Downing said that a supply TA will be with the class for the day.

Isaiah (Year 10) shared that he does not like change and does not want this change to happen.

Lucrezia (Year 7) agreed that change can be hard.

Jherkai (Year 8) shared that it may be difficult if a pupil does not like a specific TA but would be good if you do like the TA.

Tyrelle (Year 11) asked what would happen during Guided Reading.

Mr Downing shared the names of the TAs that are currently allocated to each class. He said that TAs will remain with the Form Tutors during Guided Reading while pupils move around to their specific Guided Reading groups.

Mr Downing asked School Council Members to share this change with their class.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting is arranged for Thursday, 26th March at 11.30am for all KS3 School Council Members.