

Prefect Duties and Guidance Policy

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The Prefect System at Slindon College provides important benefits for both the students and the school. Prefects have the potential to influence the school environment and the behaviour other boys by becoming advocates for positive change in the school community. It has been proven that when children actively participate in leadership in school life, and their ideas and opinions are listened to and valued, they feel respected and encouraged to make further contributions. Being a school prefect is also a very good addition to college or job application form.

A prefect at Slindon College is expected to be;

1. A caring student who will go out of their way to support those around them
2. Mature in their approach to others and to their school work
3. Responsible enough to carry out jobs without direct supervision
4. Able to talk and listen to their peers, staff, visitors and members of the wider community.
5. Present themselves neatly and conduct themselves in a manner that provides a good example to other boys.

How Prefects are Chosen

It is expected that all year 11 students will become prefects. If a boy feels that he does not want to be a prefect, then he will be supported in this and staff will endeavour to find another suitable role that may better suit him.

During the last term of year 10 boys will start to shadow the outgoing prefects, to learn what is expected of them. It is from this that Headmaster and the staff will decide on who shall be Head Boy. The announcement of the next years Head Boy is usually made on the last day of the summer term.

Roles

In addition to acting as a role model at all times, prefects are expected to support duty staff at break and lunchtime. A rota for this will be agreed and then displayed so everyone knows who is on duty. Supporting activities could be collecting items and or helping to clear dining room. Prefects may also be allocated to a specific area for example the Peglar room with a member of duty staff.

Head boys have the added responsibility of 'announcing' the Head Teacher during assemblies or other school functions.

Boarders who are prefects do not have any additional duties other than supporting house staff if specifically asked and good role modelling.

Behaviour

Should a prefect display behaviour that is not in keeping with the requirements of his role than Head Teacher may remove his prefects privilege for a fixed period of time or if necessary permanently, in addition to any sanctions applied from the behaviour policy.

Monitoring by:	Head Teacher Deputy Head Teacher Assistant Head teacher Heads of school
Evidenced by:	Speaking to Pupils and students Speaking to staff

Policies are subject to continuous monitoring, refinement and audit by SLT. The Chairman of Governors undertakes an annual review of policies and of the efficiency with which the related duties have been discharged by the date stated or earlier if changes in legislation, regulatory requirements or best practice guidelines so require.

This policy has been reviewed by SLT to ensure it does not undermine British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs and that it actively educates against any material or behaviours that could promote radicalisation or extremism.