



*“this is a **time** for bold measures. This is the country, and **you** are the **generation**.”*

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*Bono*

## Student Voice

Carmel’s Student Voice is a great way for students to take on a leadership role. Student Voice is open to students from Year 7 through to Year 13.

Year group meet separately supported by their Pastoral Learning Manager and Senior Link Teacher to discuss age-appropriate issues and then join as one body collectively to promote the student voice of the College.

The Student Voice has learning opportunities for all, promoting a sense of community. The Council aims to support and develop citizenship, encourages teamwork, and helps to improve speaking and listening skills, whilst encourages resilience, reciprocity, reflection, and resourcefulness in addition to boosting confidence and self-belief.

Case studies are often used to evaluate how students should or could respond to situations, enabling discussion around safeguarding, using the 3Rs Recognise, Respond and Report. Students are encouraged to identify problems/challenges and consider appropriate solutions.

Student Voice is an empowering experience, allowing students the ability to be involved in making changes, taking responsibility, and living out the British Values of democracy.

To reflect on the new term, the students have met in year groups to discuss the positives so far and how any challenges have been resolved. As the night draw darker, and we move towards Christmas students have met together in their key stages to discuss safety on the way to and from college, heavily focus on our parking pledge, evaluating parking outside of the College.

Carmel has also been represented at the Darlington Council of School Councils.

