

Broxbourne Youth Council Minutes

23 September 2026 (Week 1/11)

Participants: Youth Mayor Havana Marshall, Recruitment Officer Ayla Kayaga, Thomas Vaciago, Declan Twum, Chase Hall, George Vaciago, Ayan Maradia, Zara Djemal, Grace Watts, Nashaya Benjamin, Gabrielle Robinson, Joanne Ho, Scarlett Robertson, Lily-Rose Blackford, Monroe Clark, Tanisha Balasingham

Facilitators: Linton Sutherland (Services for Young People), Alessandro Principato (Broxbourne Borough Council)

1. Introductions

The group took part in introductions and an ice-breaker activity based around summer experiences.

2. 10 Question Quiz

The group took part in a 10-question team quiz, competing in groups of four. Questions covered a variety of topics, including films, gaming, and identifying towns and cities across the UK.

3. Hertfordshire Youth Council

Zara Djemal and Chase Hall were elected as representatives for Broxbourne at the Hertfordshire Youth Council. The first hybrid meeting will be held on 30 September.

The Hertfordshire Youth Council aims to promote active citizenship, leadership, and participation to represent the views, needs, and interests of young people. One representative and a deputy from each of the SfYP District and SfYP SEND Youth Councils will be nominated to represent young people on the HYC. Once selected, both parties will have the opportunity to take on roles of:

- Chair
- Deputy Chair
- General Members

4. Youth Council Elections 2026

Youth Council members put themselves forward as candidates for Cabinet positions as part of the upcoming elections. The available roles are:

- Youth Mayor
- Deputy Youth Mayor
- Health Officer
- Social Media Officer

Candidates will have the opportunity to present themselves for election and help shape the future direction of the Youth Council.

5. What makes a good presentation?

The group then took part in an activity exploring what makes an effective presentation. The following key qualities were identified:

- Tone of voice
- Clarity
- Charisma
- Presentation skills
- Natural leadership
- Choice of words, ensuring they reflect the Youth Council's best interests
- Body language
- Authenticity

The group also voted in favour of having the SEND Youth Council represented at the elections. While SEND Youth Council members will not participate in the voting process, their presence and involvement were considered important.

6. AOB

Golf with Councillors – Saturday 3 October

The Youth Council has been invited to a minigolf game with the Broxbourne Councillors. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the Council, gain an understanding of the role of Councillors and how decisions are made, and build relationships with elected members.

Date: Saturday 3 October

Time: 2pm

Location: Cheshunt Park Golf Centre, Park Lane, Cheshunt, EN7 6QD