



Parent/Carer Forum

Wednesday 11th January 2017 - Happy New Year!

| Item | Summary |
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| Parent/Carer Forum | <p>The Parent/Carer Forum will take place on the second Wednesday of each half term. All are welcome to attend.</p> <p><i>The next meeting will be held on :Wednesday 1st March 2017 5:30pm-6:30pm</i></p> <p>Parents/carers have asked that regular text reminders are sent out in advance of the meetings.</p> |
| Update on previous items | <p>Website and Social Media - Parents/Carers thought that Facebook may not now be needed with the introduction of SchoolCal. It was also felt that it would be more difficult to police appropriate communications via Facebook. It was also mentioned that the website was very helpful to parents and carers. It contained lots of useful information such as 'What's on', 'Term Dates' and information for Year 11.</p> <p>ParentPay - this has now been launched and feedback has been very positive</p> <p>Curriculum Matters - The overview of the Examination Preparation for Year 11 and revision booklet are available on the website. The Key Assessment Booklet will be available on the website this term along with the curriculum statements.</p> <p>Praise and Rewards - a new rewards system will be launched this term and is currently being consulted upon with pupils and staff.</p> <p>New Catering Arrangements - An evening for current parents and carers to sample the new menu will be organised by our catering providers. This is likely to be in the summer term.</p> <p>Donation of Prom Dresses - it was felt that this would be a great idea and the school would then be able to support those in most need.</p> <p>GCSEPod - the link is now available on our website under 'Learning and Achievement - Year 11 Examination Preparation'</p> |
| Curriculum Matters | <p>Parents and carers yet again praised the revision schedule put in place for the Year 11 pupils and were able to share their experiences at the meeting of shaping the programme. The collapsed timetable was discussed as being a great success. Revision packs were favourably received as was the potential of having lunchtime revision sessions.</p> <p>Parents and Carers raised the fact that there appears to be great improvement in Science this academic year, but there remain concerns over historic learning and this was reflected in the Year 11 report data. Mrs Gibson explained that detailed intervention plans were in place and asked that this be discussed with Science staff at the coming Parents' Evening; if concerns are still not addressed parents/carers should contact the school for further discussion.</p> |
| Career Pathways | <p>There was continued discussion about career pathways and Hartlepool FE College in particular was praised for the positive experience our pupils had on their Open Evening.</p> |
| School Events | <p>Parents and carers praised the Carol Service and the Celebration of Achievement, commenting on the fact that both events were very inclusive. It was also nice to see a range of guests attending the Celebration of Achievement.</p> |