



Parent/Carer Forum

Wednesday 28th September 2016

Item	Summary
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 9th November 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 a Facebook page would also be of benefit. The school is still looking into this.</p> <p>Curriculum Matters – Parents/carers concern about pupils being given additional work by some subjects during the designated revision period has been raised with Subject Leaders; this will be monitored during the exam period next year.</p> <p>Praise and Rewards – a new rewards system will be launched in the autumn term after consultation with pupils and staff</p> <p>Accommodating injured pupils – Parents/carers asked that the school looked into the procedures for dealing with injured pupils. Procedures have been amended as a result of feedback and examples shared.</p> <p>Pupil voice and opportunities to volunteer – Parents/carers asked if we could look at more ways to allow pupils to volunteer to support the school along with improving pupil voice. Class reps will be appointed this term. The Junior Leadership Team has also been formed and will meet monthly with the Headteacher. A pupil voice calendar will also be established to ensure we listen to as many children as possible in a more structured way. The school will continue to look at other ways to involve pupils in the life of the school.</p>
Curriculum Matters	<p>Parents and carers again praised the revision schedule put in place for the Year 11 pupils. An overview of the year for Examination Preparation was thought to be useful; Mrs Gibson would follow this up.</p> <p>A concern was raised that non-specialists were teaching RE. Mrs Gibson assured parents and carers that the staff had been appropriately trained and were only delivering certain units.</p> <p>Parents and carers also thought that an overview for all year groups would be useful. Mrs Gibson stated that this was currently being developed with the sharing of the Key Assessment Booklet this term. The curriculum models will also be placed on the website.</p>
Home-School Communication	<p>Mrs Gibson informed parents and carers that the school would be launching ParentPay and SchoolCal this term to aid communication between home and school. This was welcomed by all.</p>
New Catering Arrangements	<p>Parents and carers visited the Dining Hall to look at the new set up and the menu choices. There was some very good feedback shared on the facilities and the meals.</p> <p>This area was opened up on Open Evening so prospective new parents could sample the menu. Mrs Gibson said that she would look into the possibility of doing this for current parents and carers.</p>