

**Notes from the Parents Voice Meeting
held on Tuesday 4th July 2017
at 7pm in the Main School Library**

Apologies Received From:

Neena Freeman

Parents Present:

Nancy Baker

Jill Bowyer

Steve Boyle

Karl Haywood

Rosalind Howe

Darren Lord

Marcella Lord

Christina Mathioudakis

Amanda Moffatt

Julie Pearce

Angie Phillips

Wai Wong

Cynthia Wood

WH Staff Present:

Mrs Howarth

Mr Dan Leonard

Minutes from previous meeting - already circulated:

- Parents Voice mission statement and terms of reference to be placed on the agenda in the new academic year.
- Parents Voice activity and function to appear in new prospectus.
- Year 7 first day in September, 8.40-9.30, 4th September
ACTION: Marcella to recruit a number of parents to talk to parents once their sons and daughters have been taken off with their Form teachers.

- PE kit. From September it will no longer be allowed for pupils to travel to and from school in their PE kit.
- Sixth Form option blocks - this has been reviewed and an open choice system will operate from next year.
- Parents Evenings. These will now take place in the hall, gym and library to allow more space for private conversations, closer locations to cut down on time for parents to travel between appointments.
ACTION: The school will trial the Year 7 parents evening with no appointments to see if this helps the flow.
Timing of the Year 7 parents evening - this will be scheduled to occur earlier in the year.

- Parent mails. It has been agreed that the year group the parent mail pertains to will be clearly evident on it.
- Library and group work. Group work is possible in the main library but there is not enough space at the computers. Pupils - where they have demonstrated that they responsible - are allowed to go into the Lower library where this is possible.

Public meeting and new plans re. building work

This is scheduled for Monday 10th July, 3.30-6.30pm. Mr Leonard outlined the new plans for the extensive building work which is to take place at the school.

Mobile phones

Mr Leonard outlined the new policy which is that pupils will be able to use their phones when they are outside the building but must have them turned off as they enter. Pupils will be informed of this in September.

Year 7 Graduation

Mr Leonard explained that from next year, Year 7 pupils would enjoy with their families a special day in the summer if they had met key expectations made explicit at the beginning of the year. It would be a fun day with bouncy castles, activities and music and would be a reward for students who exhibit the qualities and attributes we are looking for. More information to follow at future meetings.

Year 7 exams

ACTION: Following discussions, greater information will be released as to when specific internal exams will take place as this year it was hard for parents to know exactly when they were occurring.

ACTION: DL to ensure staff identify exactly what revision is needed for the internal exams and not set questions on material they have not been asked to revise.

Rewards trip

Considerable debate took place regarding the criteria used to identify

which students would be allowed to go on the trip. We recognised some parents' frustration. It has been decided that the reward trip in its present guise will not run, but the Graduation Day would replace it.

Rewards

A brand new system is being developed with pupils in Years 7-10 feeding directly into it, during a whole series of consultation sessions.

A.O.B

From September the agendas for subsequent meetings will be posted on the School website. Parents will be invited in good time to each meeting. There will be no expectation for them to attend all meetings but rather those where there are specific items of interest.

F.A.Q

Frequently asked questions will also be posted clearly on the website too.

Information Evenings

More publicity will be given to these to encourage as many parents as possible to attend.

Next Parents Voice meeting

This will take place on Wednesday 4th October at 7pm.

Agenda items for next meeting

This will be circulated a week in advance of the meeting. Items to be included to date are:

- Hot lunches

I want to thank you all for your support over the years and the

interest you have shown in the school. You all are very dedicated and care passionately about your sons and daughters education. We have benefitted massively from your input and the discussions we have had.

Thank you for your cards, gifts and kindness. They have been much appreciated.