

## Parents Forum Meeting Log

Date: 4th February 2016

Agenda Items	Impact	Discussion	Actions (including timescale and responsibility)
<p>Welcome.</p> <p>Aims of the Parents Forum.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PJU thanked parents for their attendance to the meeting.</li> <li>The aims of the forum were discussed. We want this to be led and driven by parents. A forum for us to listen to parents views. An opportunity for parents to tell us how we are doing and what they feel we can improve.</li> <li>If the Parents would like specific staff to come along to discuss agenda items we can arrange this eg Options/Curriculum etc</li> </ul>	<p>Rationale and Aims of the Parents Forum to be agreed at the next meeting.</p>
<p>Family Learning.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mrs McRoy talked to the forum about the successful family focus events that we have held. She encouraged other parents to get involved with these opportunities. It is a great way to be involved in family learning. The students really enjoy it.</li> <li>Parents would like to see further opportunities for Family Learning activities/events.</li> </ul>	<p>PJU/VGR to plan and organise further family focus events.</p>
<p>Information Evenings</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PJU discussed the idea of holding information evenings for parents. Eg How can you help your child with revision, Literacy evening, Numeracy evening.</li> <li>During later discussion a Year 10 parent requested an opportunity to have the new curriculum explained that year 10s have started.</li> <li>Year 9 Options process was mentioned. PJU explained that we were having a curriculum review and when we receive this report we will plan the Year 9 Options process.</li> </ul>	<p>PJU to speak to DWE/PNI/ ELT to organise an evening.(Probably linked to a Parents Evening)</p> <p>PJU to come back to the next meeting with more details of the options process and a date for Year 9 Parents/Options evening.</p>
<p>Reporting system (APCs)</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discussion about the current APC reports. Consensus of opinion from parents was that they felt the current report system was very negative (students had reds all over the report )</li> <li>PJU explained the reasons for the reds on the report linking to</li> </ul>	<p>Feedback to Leadership Team and re-look at APC reporting system. (please note the current APC3 will go out in the same format, we will not be able to</p>

		<p>progress from KS2.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parents were asked what they felt were the key things they would like to see on the APCs. They felt that the Effort that students were putting in was really important, Behaviour of students, then Progress.</li> <li>They also said that they do not want to find out that there are some or serious concerns when the report is sent home. They would prefer to be informed by staff by telephone, e-mail or a meeting.</li> <li>They would also like to have some written comments and opportunities to speak to subject teachers about subject specific issues.</li> </ul>	change until APC4 in March)
Rewards		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parents mentioned that they felt the rewards system last half term was not run consistently and fairly.</li> <li>PJU explained the improvements that have been made to create more consistent awarding of achievement points this half term. Also that there will be more students rewarded this half term through the Gold, Bronze and Silver rewards.</li> </ul>	PJU to continue to inform parents how many students have earned the rewards. (Website/Weekly e-mail texts)
Homework		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parents were concerned that students were not being set homework regularly. Also on APCs homework in some cases was recorded as some or major concerns however students had not been set regular homework.</li> </ul>	PJU to raise this issue with LT. (Teaching and Learning)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AOB</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Communication to be added to the next agenda (currently parents feel that we are not getting it right)</li> <li>Cover Supply teacher currently in History Year 10 students really like him and think he is a great teacher.</li> <li>Next Meeting provisionally scheduled for Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2016 from 6-7pm</li> <li>Mrs T O'Donnell agreed to lead the future parents forum meetings. Any agenda items you would like to be added please</li> </ul>	PJU to feedback to DWE

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Thank you to the parents who attended. Your views and feedback is really valued.</li></ul>	