



Meeting: Parent Forum
Date: 20 September 2016

Attendance:

The meeting was attended by nine parents/carers and Mrs Susan Dench (SD), Executive Headteacher
Minutes were taken by Mrs Julie Swatton (JS), PA to the Executive Headteacher

Minutes

| No | Item | Action |
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| 1 | Website: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The feedback on the newly launched website is very positive with parents/carers commenting that the website was very easy to navigate and information is easy to find. | |
| 2 | Open Mornings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents who have visited during an Open Morning encourage other parents/carers to do so. They found the visit informative and all staff and students very welcoming. SD to arrange further Open Mornings during the term. Actions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open Mornings for October 2016 advertised in the Grantham and feedback from visiting parents/carers sought. | SD |
| 3 | WisePay: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents/carers welcome the introduction of WisePay for payment of trips and, from after half term, cashless catering. | |
| 4 | Uniform: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents/carers commented that the new uniform is very smart. It was noted that some parents had experienced poor customer service. JS to follow this up on behalf of parents/carers. It was noted that more organisation is needed for future 'try before you buy' sessions and more opportunities are needed for students to try on uniform. JS to arrange. Actions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uniform supplier to be more accessible via phone and email. 'Try before you buy' sessions to be organised regularly throughout the year, first one organised for year 9 parents' evening on 24 November 2016. Academy to hold in stock variety of sizes of uniform for students to try on before parents purchase. | JS JS |
| 5 | Adult learning: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents/carers requested that the academy run sessions to help with supporting their children with their work. SD to action. | SD |
| 6 | Homework: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents/carers commented that they could see an increase in the amount of homework being given from last year and that students are receiving it more regularly. It was noted that students have access to subject websites if they are not given enough homework for a particular subject. It was agreed that students should take responsibility for doing their homework. | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents/carers noted that iPads are being rolled out to the whole school, starting with years 7 and 9. SD noted parents/carers comments regarding the need for lockers for students. A parent suggested that rewards be used as an incentive for students completing homework and house points be deducted for homework not being completed. <p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Homework timetable to be introduced by the academy before the half term break. | SD |
| 7 | <p>Reading:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents/carers noted the opening of the new library with a dedicated member of staff. Parents/carers welcomed that students are given 10 house points for each book completed. | |
| 8 | <p>School reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SD explained the new format of student reports to parents/carers. She added that progress can also be discussed at parents' evenings and during tutor meetings. Parents/carers noted that tutors are accessible and contactable at any time for meetings to be arranged. | |
| 9 | <p>Behaviour:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents/carers commented that staff management of behaviour appeared to differ across lessons. It was noted that maths is a particular issue at present. Parents/carers expressed concern that poor behaviour can disrupt the learning of other students. SD reassured staff that the introduction of the new behaviour policy had seen a decrease in the number of behaviour incidents and the academy were very positive going forward. <p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senior Leadership Team are carrying out regular learning walks, with the focus on maths lessons. | |
| 10 | <p>Cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents/carers expressed concern over the number of cover lessons currently and it was noted that lessons are being repeated on occasion. <p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dedicated supply cover organised for science lessons. | |
| 14 | <p>Date and time of next meeting</p> <p>15 November 2016 at 4.00 pm.</p> | |