



## **Parent Forum Meeting 2**

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**30/11/21 5.30pm**

### **Agenda**

- 1.Attendance and apologies
- 2.Individual concern reminder
- 3.Minutes and feedback from previous meeting
- 4.House system identity
- 5.Pupil safety to and from school
- 6.Absence email / contact
7. Parents Evening feedback
8. Communication- The App

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School Clubs

Sixth Form Rules

**NEXT MEETING TUESDAY 1<sup>st</sup> MARCH**

## **Parent Forum: Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

**Matters from last meeting:** N/A

### **Introduction/Purpose of the meeting**

Mr Dolman welcomed all to the meeting and explained the purpose of the forum. Gave a presentation on key aspects of the school and future dates of meeting. Request for meeting to be more frequent. DD to book in extra meeting dates.

### **Items for discussion**

Communication could be improved. Postcards have been well received. DD explained that a new app called 'Insight' is being trialled by the school and asked for volunteers in the group who would like to be involved. The app will show information such as timetable, house points, homework, detentions, and will be a way to communicate back to the school.

Discussion took place about the 'silent learner' and how they will be engaged and ensure they are learning and being supported.

**Uniform** – School is looking at forming a 'swap shop' where parents can access uniform other parents have donated. Lynne already runs a facebook group which supports this kind of initiative which works well so could incorporate this into the idea.

General discussion about uniform raised the following points:

- Could there be an option for girls to wear ankle boots in the winter months
- Girls and Boys uniform – rather being defined as such could there be a unisex uniform ie Just one blazer option regardless of it being for a boy or a girl
- Socks – could there be an option for girls to wear black, white or navy socks as the boys can
- Hot weather – could there be a shorts option for boys? Can teachers be clear that blazers do not need to be worn in hot weather. Could a text be sent to parents to say blazers are not required on a particular day

**Parent Evening** – Would like face to face meetings to resume as the interaction between the teacher, parent and the child is important although a mix of on line could work too. Is difficult on line when you want to go into detail in a specific subject area but the time runs out with that teacher. Some dates for Parents Eve are late in the year to be finding out issues that should have been addressed earlier

**Reports/Mock Results** – could a text be sent to say when these have been given to students as often they aren't given to parents

Parents need to be aware that they can email tutors/teachers for help

**Year 11 parents revision evening** – Parents would rather attend than be on line although if it can be recorded that can cover all.

**Trip communication** – Letters for trips could contain more detailed information. Trips will be increased this year and all year groups will experience trips. Enquired about Walesby trip meeting but this is a day trip only this year so not required.

**Canteen** – Year 7s are not confident in the canteen. Some students are not aware that by going to the canteen later they will miss the large queues. DD to consider how we get this info to students and if Year 7s may need another separate visit to the canteen on their own. Parents need more information on how the fingerprint system works. Check all staff are receiving the message about where students can eat where. Could the menu be available on line or somewhere easy to access.

**Tutor time** – variation in how tutors run their groups. Not all students know each other in the group and Year 11s need to be supportive. Fun things need to be back on the agenda such as quizzes and cake Fridays. Tutors should have made phone calls to all Year 7 parents by end of this week. Pleased that Year 12 and 13 back in the groups.

**Transition details** – could be more information in this, although some parents were happy with the amount of information.

Next meeting; Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November 5.30pm