

Year 7 – 10 Parent Forum

Tuesday 21 January 2025
All welcome

Agenda posted and minutes of last meeting discussed.
Cohort were taken for a tour of the dining room and area was discussed.

1. **Perspective of school.** LMN request

- Support. Really positive feedback, good support offered to students and parents.
- Behaviour. Good. It has really improved over last few years. (PE changing rooms mentioned)
- Mental Health |Support. Poor but improving slowly. Students not with anxiety turned away perception.

2. **Review Week**

- Mixed experience. Some fantastic, tutor took time to explain. Others one missed call, 3 minute conversation saying we have to do it but do not know what targets to set, what do you think.
- Parents not overkeen on the random call in a week but it was explained that at that point they could arrange a time and place.
- One said they had no information but was explained it is all on class charts.

3. **Teaching**

- Concern over non-specialist teachers. Maths has 3 teachers for one class, two of which are not maths teachers. The students reported they are not developing.
- Science Year 9 students felt they are falling behind and not ready for assessments.
- Staffing was discussed and how we actively looking to recruit.

4. **Homework**

- Parents would like homework notifications to arrive during office times. (Can be set to be released) as fed up of numerous notifications on a Sunday afternoon.
- Do not feel setting a pass mark or detention is suitable especially for SEND students.
- Language used on class charts very informal, messages left about YOU MUST DO THIS.
- Not always linked to learning, can be a random topic not studied.

5. **Lessons.**

- Quality of lessons discussed. Certain subject areas questioned. Some faculties amazing and support of staff positive. Certain areas to be fed back.

6. **STAR**

- STAR was explained and expectations of staff and students. Parents fully supportive.

7. **Attendance**

- Positive attendance of school discussed. Few students missed out on reward due to medical appointments. ADD explained students were told if they felt they should go then to speak to HOHs. A number did and went to the reward. Numerous did not.

8. **Communication**

- Some parents claimed communication was an issue. It was explained that class charts was the main tool for communication. Parents felt for example trip messages were not received or clear.

For next meeting

- Mental Health progress
- Review Week