

# Parent Council Meeting Minutes – 30th January 2020

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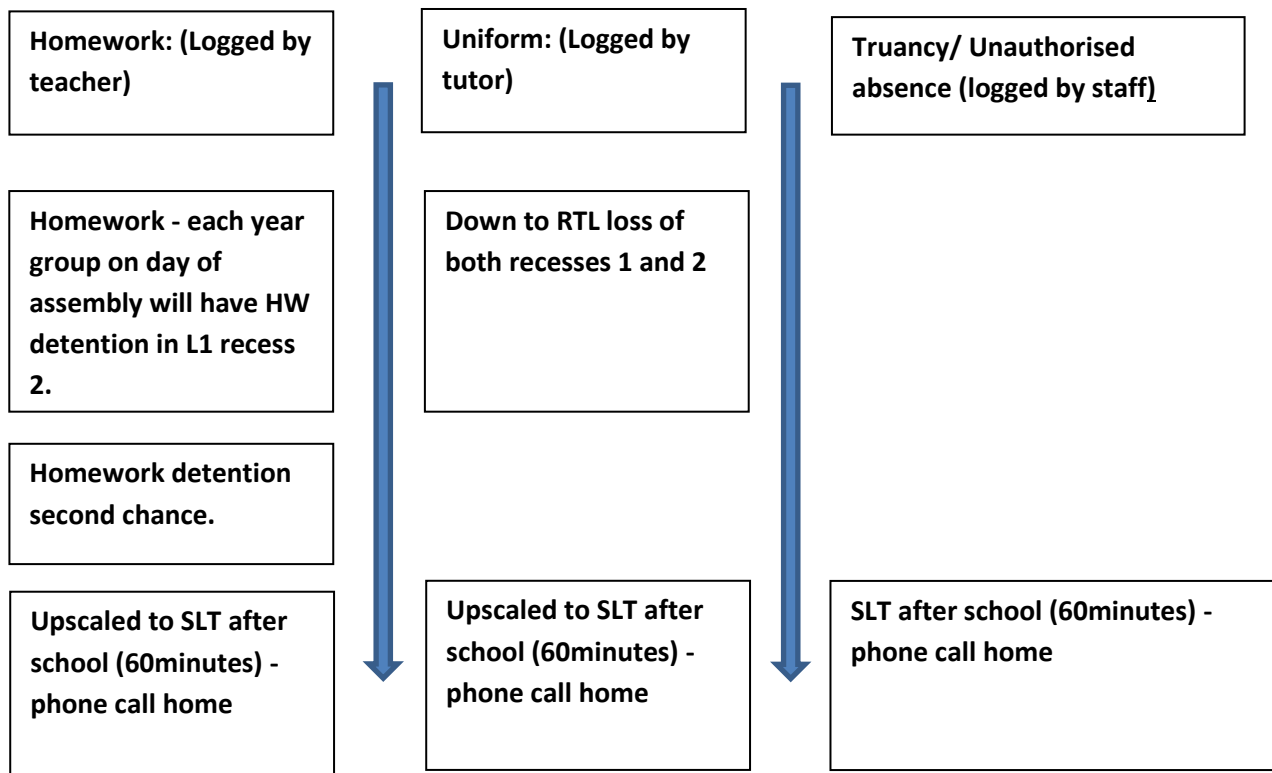
- 1) Final parental council agreement on the new detention systems in school – James Stroud
- 2) The future of parent forums – Tristan Forster
- 3) AOB – The floor
- 4) LPPA – Tristan Forster

Below is the flow diagram and explanation that James Stroud went through with those present, detailing how the new detention systems were working and how they looked from a parental point of view on class charts etc.

Feedback was wholly positive and parents expressed positive views on the ways in which we had looked at a system following their criticisms and reviewed it to make changes. All present were happy with the new system and its functionality. As ever the system is only as good as those that are using it and consistency around the homework policy is vital for its functionality.

## A review of the new detention systems

### Where were we: September 2019.

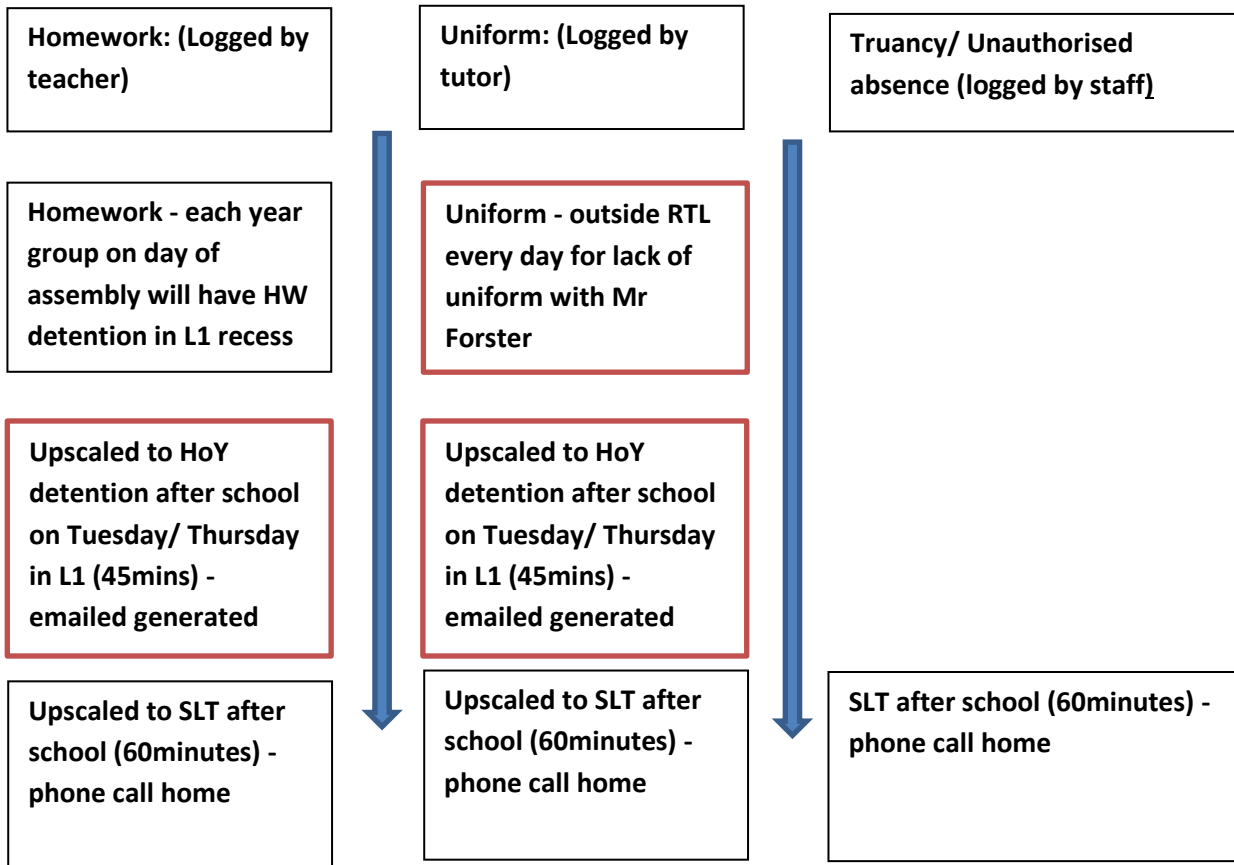


### Issues

- Lots of students not completing homework and was waiting a fortnight for a sanction. This was too long.
- Escalated too quickly to an SLT detention without involving HoF. A failure of uniform carries the same sanction as truancy.

- Increased workload of admin staff phoning parents/ carers for permission for an hour after school.
- RTL becoming swamped with uniform and students sent from lessons.

## Where are we now (Jan 2020)



## Solutions

- No second chance detention, list read out in assembly. No excuses for failing to attend. Increased emphasis on home learning.
- All logged on class charts but members of that tutor team. CPD for staff. Escalated with a click of a button as the system doing the work.
- Admin staff send out email communication instead of phone call. Detention is which comes closer. Less workload on admin staff. Still on a late bus night and communicated home.
- Fewer escalations to SLT for highest sanction meaning more powerful and focus on any truancy.

Dear Parent/Carer

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**date required.....**

If they fail to attend this detention it will be upscaled to an SLT detention the following day.

If you have any queries about this please contact me to discuss further.

Kind regards

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### The future of Parental Forums

TFO explained that over the last couple of years, numbers had dropped to these parental forum, education events and as a college we wanted to know what types of events we could put on to ensure that attendance was positive and that they were of the best quality.

Parentst suggested some external specialists as well as those from inside college to get the best possible quality and came up with the below list of potential forums.

- 1) Social media and the internet, practical, takeaway sessions showing demonstrations and live support from experts.
- 2) Drugs and Alcohol awareness – Parental education and knowledge based on what is out there and what the signs are that we should be looking out for.
- 3) Curriculum awareness across different subject areas
- 4) Mental health and revision in key stage 4 / 5 – How to best support young people in their revision and at the same time being more aware on the impacts of mental health etc
- 5) Understanding SEND and the roles those parents and other supporting bodies can play.

TFO asked parents to highlight the greatest need and that he would look to get 2 events on this year in these area, they are highlighted above.

Parents enquired where the college was with the new trips and visits offer.

TFO explained that it had gone to SLT as recently as last week, been approved and would be functional as of September 2020 – we are going to be running a trail trip in year 9 to better understand the implications for some of the trips, but in principal this would begin this coming academic year.

Parents also enquired about the consultation on going back to a three year key stage 3 and reduction of option choices?

TFO stated that the consultation period had ended and this was going to governors, however there was no appetite to return to a three year key stage 3.

LPPA

TFO introduced the fact that the college was aiming to gain accreditation for the Leading Parental Partnership Award. This is a fully consulted program towards the gaining of the award and that the parent council would be heavily involved in.

TFO then distributed some 'where are we now' parental questionnaires that will form the starting points for this award>

The meeting closed and TFO thanked everyone for their attendance.