

Parent Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 27th February

Agenda was agreed and the discussion based around parental input, via the parent council chairperson Jo Persse.

1) Setting up of the uniform store

It was agreed that as members of the parent council, parents themselves would set up, run and man the second hand uniform store at parent evenings and transition evenings. JPE is going to draft a letter to place in the next parental fortnightly focus and TFO will set up an invitation to parents who have attended the council meetings to run the shop in the concourse at the upcoming parents evenings. TFO said that initially staff would sort any incoming uniform however if there was more than expected he would ask for the support of the parents to do this.

Parents suggested that it was run on a honesty box rather than pricing on individual items and that students who needed to raise monies for trips and visits could help at the shop and use the money to put towards their trips.

2) Policies and other documents

Due to the variety of parental requests for information that could be found on the college website TFO gave a guided tour to the website covering key policies and documents that he felt parents would find useful. (although difficult to minute this, this was welcomed by those attendees and agreed that this should be part of the transition for parents from year 6 into year 7).

Things of note;

Parents requested all staff emails to appear on the website not just the heads of faculty and year, but all teachers.

That the latest news tab showed the latest Fortnightly Focus, as well as it appearing in the parents drop down menu bar.

3) Rewards system

There were again many questions about the rewards program and what positive (Green) and negative (Red) points were awarded for. Again the best way to show this was for TFO to show the classcharts system and to describe how and why the different points are awarded.

Again, hard to show within these minutes, but it was agreed that this should be used in transition with parents and again at the upcoming parents forum.

On rewards, TFO explained the keystage 3 badge system, bronze, silver and gold and the end of year reward trips from year 7-10 as well as the system being used for prom in year 11.

At the next meeting

It was agreed that TFO would invite Barry Palmer, Assistant Principal to the next meeting to discuss Homework, the setting, marking and policy as a whole. As well as the way that the colleges reporting system works as this is confusing some parents. Although Tristan Forster will attend, this is Barry's area of speciality.

There will be an additional parent forum regarding social media, internet safety settings and CEOP information run by TFO and Elton Lane date TBC