



## Parents' Forum

### Notes of Meeting

**4<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 5.00pm**

**In Attendance:** H Hall, S Bullerwell, M Carlin, A Kelly  
**Academy Staff:** R Somerville (Chair), H Potter

**Apologies:** V Somerville, K Brownlee-Dixon

**Note Taker:** M Robinson

1	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b>
2	<b>Covid Updates</b> Mrs Potter provided an update with covid cases. There have been an increase in cases, but there are no clusters. Students and staff are still expected to complete LFT twice weekly. Facemasks are not currently mandatory but are recommended. Staff and parents are being asked to wear mask if they attend meetings.  Approximately a third of students received the covid vaccination in school from the Child Health Team.
2	<b>Update on Principal recruitment</b>  Parents were informed that Mr Reynolds retired at the end of the summer term. Mr Urwin has been appointed as the new Principal and will take up his role in the new Year.
3	<b>Update on 2021 results</b>  No appeals for Y13 TAG results. There have been some appeals in Year 11. Exams are expected to go ahead next year. Year 11 students are embracing the 'Get Exam Ready' sessions which are taking place after school.

	<p>Parents were informed that there are 56 students in Year 12, which is slightly less than previous years. The Academy are looking at how these numbers can be increased. This includes offering new pathways ie BTEC qualifications.</p>
4	<p><b>Daily spending limit for catering</b></p> <p>The daily spend limit is set at £5 unless parents ask for this to be amended.</p> <p>Parents commented on the quality of food from Chartwells being of poor quality. More students are bringing in packed lunches due to the food and length of queues.</p> <p>Mrs Somerville advised that there have been two new food counters introduced to manage the delays.</p>
6	<p><b>Ski Trip</b></p> <p>The Ski Trip is still planned to go ahead in April 2022. The Academy will look to recruit more students and this will be shared with parents shortly.</p>
7	<p><b>Recruitment of new Chair</b></p> <p>Parents were asked to consider taking on the role as Chair of the Parent Forum as Valia's term will be ending this Academic Year.</p>
8	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p><b>Group Recruitment</b></p> <p>Parents discussed how to increase the number of parents on the forum to ensure a fair representation. Suggestions included: Year Managers suggesting suitable parents and also promoting the Parents' Forum at Parents Evenings.</p> <p><b>Uniform</b></p> <p>Parents commented on the Academy Uniform, there still appears to be issues with girls wearing short stretchy skirts and leggings. Parents were informed that from September next year there are plans to introduce an Academy skirt which will be compulsory.</p>
9	<p><b>Dates of next meeting</b></p> <p>To be confirmed</p>