



## **Parents' Forum Notes**

**16<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at 5.00pm,**

**Present:** Mrs Somerville (Chair), Mrs H Hall, Mrs Kelly, Mr Kirchener,

**Apologies:** Mrs Bullawell, Mrs Carlin

**Academy Staff:** Mr Clough, Ms Robinson (Note taker), Mr P Robson (Governance Officer)

<b>1.</b>	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b>  The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and all present introduced themselves.
<b>2.</b>	<b>Notes of previous meeting</b>  Minutes of previous meeting were agreed
<b>3.</b>	<b>Updates on Year Groups</b>  <u>Year 11 &amp; 13 Exams</u> Exams for Year 11 and 13 are almost finished, students have been confident after exams and have said they felt well prepared. Students have attended 'Get Exam Ready' sessions, and have been offered free breakfast before school.  The Academy had an Inspection from an Examiner and this went well. Kath Barsby Exams Officer has done a fantastic job, arranging the exams, using a number of different rooms and organising SEN support for students.  <u>Year 10 &amp; 12 Mock Exams</u> These will begin after the Y11 & 13 exams have finished and will be held in the same formal way, to give students the experience to prepare them for next year. Students will sit real exam papers. Results from these exams will be shared in September.  Year 11 and Year 13 Leavers events taking place on Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> June. Year 11 Prom 12 <sup>th</sup> July.

<p><b>4.</b></p>	<p><b>Academy Uniform (new skirt)</b></p> <p>Mr Clough confirmed that they had only been one complaint about the change in uniform.</p> <p>The Academy have invested £10k to support parents to purchase uniform either a new skirt or a pair of trousers.</p> <p>Regular updates regarding uniform expectations and the new skirt will be shared with parents via Weduc email and newsfeed.</p>
<p><b>5.</b></p>	<p><b>Rules around student use of toilet facilities</b></p> <p>Some parents have commented that students are not allowed to use the toilet facilities. TOC explained that some students visit the toilet during lesson change overs and are therefore late as they arrange to meet friends. Staff are now placed on toilet duties to move students along. If students require the toilet they should ask their teacher and they are given a Yellow out of lesson pass.</p>
<p><b>6.</b></p>	<p><b>Newsletter</b></p> <p>Parents were informed that the Principal plans to issue a newsletter every half term to provide updates to parents.</p> <p>Parents expressed concerns that there have not been many posts on Weduc compared to facebook. The Academy have appointed a new Marketing and communications Officer and this will be rectified. <b>Action:</b> PRO to discuss with KEG and KEG to be invited to next meeting.</p>
<p><b>7.</b></p>	<p><b>Governance Update from Peter Robson</b></p> <p>Mr Robson, Head of Governance was introduced to Parents and informed them about his role. Parents were informed the Academy Trust Board (ATB) would have views from stakeholders and this included closer links with Parents. The Trust Board would like to have a member of the Parents' forum attend ATB meetings.</p> <p>Parents were advised that the Parents Forum will need a Parent to Chair and to then feedback to LGB meetings.</p> <p>The Chair discussed recruiting new members for next Year. Action: MRO to contact Parents asking if they would be interested in joining the Parents' Forum.</p>