



MINUTES OF PARENTS FOCUS MEETING Held in the Jill Allport Suite

Thursday 29th September 2011

Attending:

V Scutt (VSC)
R Barr

M Hawkes
G Moles
S Trinder
N & J Kennedy
M Stevens
P Gibbs

A Flanagan
D & C Riley
J Porter
P Caeiro
C Halsall

Apologies:

S Gumbley
S Price

ITEM		ACTION
1.	Matters Arising	
a)	Science staff situation now resolved	
b)	Frog launched for all year groups	
c)	Academy application successful. School exploring opportunities from freedoms gained.	VSC
d)	Cashless catering – seems to be working well.	
e)	Maths online resources. New schemes added to the system (My Works – covering English, Business, Geography, ICT, MFL and PE). User name is student email address, password is “password”. Echalk is username “Lighthall”, password is “echalk”. Please note change in password for My Maths.	
f)	Yr 10 exam timetable was on school website.	
g)	There were unfortunate problems created by excessive interest in Yr 10 prefects trip – unable to accommodate all.	
2.	Exam Results	
	Presentation – Key Outcomes	
a)	Record 5+ A*-C grades, capped points score, % age A*-C grades	
b)	9% fall in 5+A*-C, with English and Maths. Record 58 with either English or Maths but not both.	
c)	Areas for further action – maximising both English and Maths results, improving accuracy of internal predictions, reviewing procedures for	



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	controlled assessments.	
3.	Review of Parents Survey	
	84 responses which was disappointing. Overall, results were very pleasing and remain high. Areas discussed more fully:	
a)	Children do work hard but this doesn't always appear the case from comparative progress made (from internal grades)	
b)	What do parents understand as potential poor behaviour? How does school deal with attempted disruptive behaviour? Parents are invited to find out for themselves. Future agenda item.	
c)	School has enforced new homework procedures and is now monitoring further the quantity and enforcement of homework.	
d)	Safety in school is rated as being very high.	
e)	Schools extra curricula provision, and approach to social and moral development is rated highly	
f)	General acceptance that parent evening arrangements are not ideal but difficult to improve.	
g)	Academic targets. New process of setting targets explained (based on levels of progress from KS2, not contextualised).	
h)	Are letters sent out to parents regarding G&T students? School to check that this still occurs (<i>later confirmed</i>).	VSC
i)	Key areas for improvement – developing potential, homework, developing confidence.	
4.	Future Agenda Items	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Behaviour policy • Academy implications (curriculum, school year) • Homework • Sixth Form 	
5.	AOB	
a)	Have anti-bullying procedures been explained new Yr 7's? School to investigate further	IGR
c)	KS4 planners were felt to be too small	
6.	Date of Next Meeting	
	15 th March 2012	