

PARENTS' FOCUS GROUP MINUTES

THURSDAY 7 OCTOBER 2010

IN THE JILL ALLPORT SUITE AT 7 PM

Present: Parwez Hussain Sonia Gumbley Dawn Riley
Phil Gibbs Amanda Flanagan Sue Price
Jackie Kennedy Nick Kennedy Manjit Johal
Sarah Lawson Lorraine Quinn Sara Trinder
Sue Smith Tony Smith Catherine Halsall
Vic Scutt Richard McCrainor

Apologies: Mel Arrowsmith

1. Minutes of previous meeting approved.
2. Matters Arising
 - (a) New policies have been adopted for learning, marking and homework.
 - (b) On-line reporting – waiting for national developments and clarification. School is developing its learning platform, expected launch to students and parents later in the year.
 - (c) Uniform – recent clampdowns on boys' shirts and girls skirts. Parents support welcome.
 - (d) Current problems with insufficient buses. School is working with company to seek improved provision.
3. Terms of reference – approved.
4. Examination results 2010 – Presentation given on record 2010 results. 68% of students obtaining 5+ A*-C with English and Maths. Big improvement in boys' attainment and in Maths A*-C. Overall progress looks good. Area of concern – need for higher percentage of A*-A grades (an inconsistent picture across departments).
5. Parental Survey 2010 – Results presented and discussed. Very positive picture overall. Areas of main concern – homework, developing children's potential, developing children's confidence. Some discussion about options and possibility of shorter KS3/ longer KS4 (to be raised at next meeting).
6. National Academy developments – discussion on national and local developments and possible consequences for our school.
7. AOB – No other issues raised.
8. **Date of next meeting – THURSDAY 3 MARCH 7 PM in the Learning Resource Centre.**