

Parents Voice Notes from the Meeting held on Monday 10th July 2023

Please note, this is a brief summary of discussions with actions rather than detailed minutes of the meeting.

1. Welcome

Thank you to those parents who were able to attend the meeting, as always, a very useful evening.

2. Action Points from the last meeting:

- The school is considering an options style evening for the next academic year.
- Sixth Form uniform is being addressed for the next academic year with higher expectations and follow up.
- Unfortunately, child care vouchers cannot be used for trips, they can only be used in some residential centres in the UK but generally only for in school out of hours provision.
- Revision booklets will be sent out to Yr.11 students early in the new academic year as they were sent too late this year.
- The Headteacher will continue to remind staff not to set homework at the same time as revision for examinations in the new school year.

3. Update on DPR

DPR will be live from September, the staff have been taking time this term to prepare for its implementation. This means from September we will not be sending out progress checks but will direct parents to look at the DPR portal regularly with a final update at the end of every term. Year 11 and 13 will still receive feedback after pre public examinations.

The Headteacher will seek feedback in the new school year from parents on how the DPR is working.

4. Uniform

The Headteacher shared the new school skirt (including badges) with the aim to implement for Year 7,9 and 10 in September 2024. The new rule of skirts '**on the knee**' rather than '**to the knee**' will be implemented this September.

The Headteacher also spoke to parents about a consultation that will be put in place for all parents before the summer break regarding other uniform changes.

5. Behaviour Policy

The rewards system was discussed and the Headteacher said he would be reviewing rewards with the students next academic year.

The consistent application of the school's behaviour policy was also discussed and getting supply teachers to apply this consistently was always challenging. Regular training has been given to staff and we always aim for a consistent approach. If we know this is not happening then we support staff to do so moving forwards.

The Headteacher said he hoped there would be even more consistency as next year is our second year with the new behaviour system.

6. Parental parking and driving outside of school

This is a perennial issue. The school has employed architects to provide planning for a change to the front of school to support a safer exit for students but it is still a major concern that parents choose to park and drive dangerously outside the front of school.

Action: The Headteacher to continue to raise the concerns regarding parking and driving at the front of school in his newsletters.

7. The canteen

Parents raised a query about students being able to access food as there isn't always enough hot food to go around. The Headteacher explained this is always a very difficult issue to resolve, its impossible to know who will eat what on any given day and the school cannot have lots of food left over at the end of services.

The parents highlighted that there is always food available, but the issue is it's not always the thing the students want to eat.

The Headteacher advised we will be doing a review of the menu in the Autumn Term with students and will take into account the points raised by parents.

The Headteacher thanked all the parents who have supported the Parent Voice group this year and I hope you return again for the meetings in the new academic year as it really does make a difference. Have a great summer.