

| Meeting Date     | 14.10.15     |
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| Meeting Location | Boardroom    |
| Meeting          | Parent Forum |

## Attendees:

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| 1    | Feedback on minutes and matters arising from 13 May 2015  Mr Blewett went through the minutes which were approved.  |                 |
|      | Actions: The careers link and recruitment tool for the website is still a work in progress. Students continue to be monitored and encouraged to carry their lunch cards and remains a work in progress.   | RBY<br>PBL      |
|      | The new Year system continues to be monitored. The Academy are looking at ways to protect the buddy system. The focus on student achievement has been shifted. Students are aware what they need to improve on in their subjects.   | PBL/RBY         |
|      | Parents continue to support the Academy in respect of Uniform.  Recruitment in Slough is difficult. The Academy are working with other schools in the area to see what can be achieved in improving the situation. The Academy operate an exit strategy when staff leave and staff turnover is good.  | RBY             |
| 2    | Show my Homework Parents mentioned they were having difficulty in logging in to Show my Homework. Mr Blewett went through a presentation to show how this worked. Parents are discussing the homework set with their child. Not all teachers are required to put homework on the site at present. Teachers will be trained on the January INSET day in how to operate the system. Homework for 6 <sup>th</sup> Form is proving very successful. Drama productions and sporting activities will be added over time.  |                 |
| 3    | Reporting – Progress 8 An example report and conversion table were handed out to parents. Mr Bryant explained how levels $1-9$ will replace the old A* to G. Y9 have already moved to levels $1-9$ . Y10 English and Maths will be $1-9$ with other subjects staying with A* to G. Y11 remain with A* to G. Students are expected to increase by 6 points over a year. At the end of 12 weeks a report will be sent to parents which will show what their child has achieved. Colours on the report demonstrates movement: 2 points – amber, 4 points – above target. If there was no progress at all and the student was below target this would be a serious concern. $0-$ expected progress, if higher than 0 a student has made progress. If a student is below target, on target or above target this will be written in their books. A personal learning check list should be placed at the front of all students' books. |                 |
| 4    | AOB  Parents had concerns regarding PE uniform they had paid for but was still not available. The Academy were not expecting all students to purchase the new PE kit and therefore extra orders had to be placed. Mr Blewett will speak to the PE Faculty and the Finance Director.  Parents were concerned with names of students being projected in assemblies in respect of attendance, particularly if they had medical conditions. Mr Bryant explained   | PBL/JRA/<br>REL |



| that the advantages outweighed the disadvantages. Mr Blewett will speak with Raising Standard Leaders.  | PBL     |
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| Parents asked why Y7 and Y8 students were on a rota to do Reception Duty. Mr Bryant confirmed that there were various learning benefits for students. Students learn how to introduce themselves to visitors, look smart and have tasks when on reception duty. During their time on reception they learn a variety of business skills. Reception duties are to be explained to students by Ms Wauchob.  Parents raised concern of the length of time students were in the restaurant queue for lunch and asked if it was worth having 2 sessions for lunch. Mr Bryant mentioned the whole timetable would be considered in due course. If the timetable of the week were to change parents would be consulted. | RWA     |
| Parents indicated they are not able to see what options of food their child could have each day. Mr Blewett will speak with the Finance Director. Parents would like the menu of the week to be placed on the website.  | PBL/JRA |
| Parents enquired how choices are made for Enrichment as one student did not receive his $1^{\text{st}}$ or $2^{\text{nd}}$ choice. The question was raised would the student then have the opportunity to have his $1^{\text{st}}$ choice the following term. Mr Blewett to investigate the choice system.  | PBL     |
| Date of next meeting: 2 December 2015   |         |
| Meeting closed at: 19:00  |         |