

Minutes

Project:
Parents' Forum

Chair:
Nikki Waite

Academy:
Rossington All Saints Academy

Date, Time, Location:
Wednesday 20th September 2017 5.30pm
JT Room, Rossington All Saints Academy

Date and Time of Next Meeting:
TBC- after Christmas

Attendees:
Nikki Waite, Jamie Lawler, Mark Colman, Nick Ash, L. Sharp, K. Cope, J. Dobson, J. Beevers, J. Boycott, E. Randall, M. Fairweather

Apologies:

1 Previous minutes

No issues arising

2 Summer 2017 Results

- MCo gave a comprehensive overview of the GCSE and KS5 results for summer 2017. We discussed progress as a fairer measure than attainment and results at KS4 are comparable considering a weaker cohort. MCO also provided a breakdown of progress by subject area and outlined that 'red' subject areas were mainly based on small groups of students sitting the qualification. Similarly, KS5 results are also based on a small cohort and strong performance at GCSE determines high targets at A-Level.

3 Ofsted Report 2017

- JHL distributed the academy's Ofsted report and press release based on a short one day inspection in July 2017. JHL explained that there has been two changes in inspection framework since our last inspection in 2013. We remain a 'Good' school under a more stringent framework.

4 Parent App

- NWA briefly discussed the new parent app we are looking to roll out this academic year to parents. The app shares information with parents on their child's attendance, behaviour, achievement and academic progress. More information can be found at: <https://schoolgateway.co.uk/>
- Parent app does have the ability to push out letters home and reports as notifications to parents, provided parents provide an email address when completing school data collection sheets and when signing up to the app.

5 AOB

- Feedback on free uniform bundle was mainly positive and parents agreed it was good quality, particularly the PE top. The trousers, in particular, were quite big for some of our smaller Y7 students. NWA to communicate this to RF.

- Issue of school-home communication was raised as letters do not always make their way home or are left in students' bags and not passed on. Hopefully, the new parent app will resolve this issue somewhat. Look to ensure key information is also uploaded onto the academy website routinely.

- Further to this, points were raised regarding inviting parents into school to discuss proposed changes (such as the timing of the school day in 2016 which was discussed at a previous parents' forum meeting and changes to the school transport system for September 2017). The point was raised that parents felt that they were not being consulted on these issues and instead the decisions had already been made. Therefore, it was raised that this is a missed opportunity for the school and trust to take feedback from parents before final decisions are made.

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