



Parent Forum Feedback from Thursday 11th October 2018

You Said...

We Did...

	<p>We were delighted to welcome new Parents to the forum and welcome back Parents who have supported us over the last few years. It was very pleasing to see a good turn out for our first meeting of the year, something we can hopefully build upon.</p>
<p>You appreciated Mr Watson providing an update on the schools overall position and outlining our plans and aims for the forthcoming year.</p>	<p>Whilst we are delighted for our Year 11 leavers on the results they achieved and we are pleased with the progress we are making in some key areas, we acknowledge there is still work to be done. As Mr Watson highlighted, our work this year on developing character and ensuring a strong culture and ethos in school will be key to our further improvement.</p>
<p>You highlighted that in some cases marking and feedback was inconsistent. In some cases the feedback was plentiful and useful, in other areas it was far less evident and didn't always direct students on how they could improve.</p>	<p>Thank you for highlighting. Marking and feedback continues to be a key focus for our Teaching and Learning team, with a specific focus on marking and feedback in our quality assurance activities. We hope this will continue to drive up standards and consistency around school.</p>
<p>You continued to advocate for all staff to include more detail when awarding green slips and issuing behaviour points on SIMs. This allows you as Parents/Carers to have more informed conversations with your children about how they are doing at school.</p>	<p>We are monitoring this and looking at ways to make this as easy as possible for colleagues. This is also something we will discuss as a staff team to try and ensure all staff give at least certain details when recording information via SIMs.</p>
<p>You raised concerns about the use of supply teachers and the impact on students learning. You would like us to ensure these lessons are monitored as closely as possible, especially where the cover is for more than a lesson or two.</p>	<p>Whilst we would prefer there to be no requirement to use cover staff or supply teachers, in some cases (such as illness) this is unavoidable. We are working hard to reduce the amount of cover and supply we use and have introduced a new "absence request" procedure to ensure greater monitoring of this at a senior level. In addition, we will review our use of senior staff, pastoral staff and the On Call system to support classes where there is cover, to ensure minimal disruption to lessons in the absence of the regular class teacher.</p>
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<p>You were pleased to hear about the proposed launch of the Homework App “Doddle” and how this will work, particularly alongside existing online education platforms.</p>	<p>We are equally excited about the potential of Doddle and are planning to demonstrate the programme and its capabilities to the Parent Forum at a forthcoming meeting and to hear your feedback, prior to any formal launch.</p>
<p>You noted that the website calendar had not been populated for the current academic year.</p>	<p>We apologise for the delay on this. The changes we discussed at the end of last year regarding the Admin Team have caused this to be missed, however our Office Management team have addressed this and the work will be carried out during the forthcoming half term.</p>
<p>You confirmed you were happy to proceed with the Art Screen Printing bid. You are also keen to hear of any new bids at the next meeting.</p>	<p>We will pass on the good news to the Art department, they will be delighted and very grateful.</p>
<p>You were keen to follow up on any potential opportunity to increase revenue opportunities for the forum through initiatives such as “give as you live” and “go fund me”. Paula, Paul and Julie agreed to look into this further and update the group next time.</p>	<p>Thank you for your efforts with this, if there is an opportunity to pursue this and increase revenue, we will support the group as much as we can getting this set up.</p>

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