



Parent Forum Feedback from Thursday 13th December 2018

You Said...

We Did...

<p>You were impressed with the potential of the homework app Doodle presented by Mrs Ottley-O'Connor and feel it would definitely be a positive development to our provision. You recognise that it will need time to be properly planned and launched and would like updates on progress over the next few meetings.</p>	<p>We are delighted you liked what you saw, we too feel this will be a great addition to our school. We will ensure progress on its development and implementation are communicated at future meetings.</p>
<p>You updated us on the current financial situation of the group and also the new arrangements in place for purchasing items for the school. As such, you would like to know what has been purchased with the £500 already donated to the school earlier this academic year.</p> <p>In addition, you have already received requests to run the refreshments stall at the school production (5th, 6th and 7th Feb) and Cant Dance Can (14th and 15th June). If anyone is available to help on these dates, please let Gill / Julie know.</p>	<p>We can confirm that the recent donation of £500 has been used as follows;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ £297.59 to the art department for products and equipment as showcased at the recent Art Exhibition. ◆ £80.03 for a selection of board games for the Year 7 area. <p>This leaves a total of £122.38 of Parent Forum money in the school fund account with an additional £597 currently held by the Parent Forum themselves.</p>
<p>You were pleased to be presented with a wide selection of funding bids from staff and students. Whilst it was not possible to support all the projects, you would like to respond to all of them with the reasons for your decisions and to thank them and encourage them to continue to put ideas forward that benefit our young people.</p> <p>The projects which have attracted funding are;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Table Tennis equipment at £80 ◆ Subsidised transport for a theatre visit at £150 <p>In addition, you have asked for more information relating to the following projects;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Ex Arts Parkour dance ◆ Ex Arts Pyrography machines 	<p>Thank you for considering all the different funding bids, we appreciate your time and effort in not only raising the money but in ensuring it is spent in a way which positively impacts on our young people.</p> <p>We will communicate all of the decisions reached at the meeting to those staff involved and thank them for their time and effort.</p>
<p>You wondered whether it would be possible to raise additional funds by providing refreshments at GFM organised events.</p>	<p>Whilst this is unlikely, we will of course ask the question and feedback.</p>
<p>You would like us to look into the Bags2School initiative. This is something we did previously and was very successful at generating funds.</p>	<p>We are happy to look into this and see if it is possible.</p>
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<p>You are pleased that reward trips are happening and would like to thank all those involved in planning and running this trips for students. However you felt that there were some instances where the criteria didn't make sense or hadn't been applied consistently.</p>	<p>We will pass on your thanks to the staff involved. With regards to the criteria and organisation of trips, we have endeavoured to ensure that the criteria was fair and the process transparent, enlisting the help of key staff in Pastoral where possible, who know and understand the different students circumstances. We do however take on board the feedback and as always review our processes as appropriate before the Easter trips.</p>
<p>You noted that the date for the next Parent Forum meeting now clashed with the rearranged dates of the school production.</p>	<p>We have noted this too. Further information will follow regarding when the next Parent Forum meeting will now be held.</p>
	<p>On behalf of the staff and students of Oulder Hill, we would like to thank you for your continued and outstanding support. We wish you, your families and friends merry Christmas, happy holidays and very best wishes for 2019.</p>

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