



## Parent Forum Feedback from Thursday 28th March 2019

### You Said...

### We Did...

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| <p>You welcomed the update from Mr Watson regarding school finances and the national situation. Based on the information you heard, you wanted to add the following comments.</p> <p>Parents/Carers will need reassuring that the overall standard of Teaching and Learning will not be adversely affected by any changes/restructures/financial constraints.</p> <p>That recruitment and retention will be key moving forward and the appointment of a Business Manager to provide strategic overview of this was a positive development.</p> <p>Do school have a robust programme in place to support NQTs?</p> <p>How are student numbers looking for new Year 7s in September 2019?</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>The transparent process of reviewing staffing alongside a tightening of other HR procedures is designed to ensure exactly that. Our main priority will always be the service we provide to the young people in our care and the wellbeing of our colleagues.</p> <p>We concur and have already began to see the benefits of having a Business Manager within our structure.</p> <p>Yes, both at school and local authority level. Feedback from colleagues who have recently completed their NQT year with us are overwhelmingly positive about the support they receive.</p> <p>Student numbers look good again for September, but as in recent years there are concerns that there may be more movement of students over the summer that we are unaware of and over which we have no control. As such Mr Watson and other key staff are working closely with the LA to try and minimise the impact of this.</p> |
| <p>You would like us to proceed with plans to introduce faculty specific email addresses for Parents/Carers to use. You also believe an overview signposting key contacts would be useful.</p>  | <p>We will endeavour to have this in place before the next meeting.</p>  |
| <p>You feel that the role of the Form Tutor has lost its impact and that there is a lack of consistency between different staff in terms of understanding the role. What is said during the transition process is not what some families experience when their child starts with us.</p>  | <p>We acknowledge your comments and agree that the role of the Form Tutor has been lost somewhat given the huge changes to the curriculum and assessment which our staff have been involved in over the last couple of years. As part of the ongoing work to improve the culture and ethos across our school, the role of the Form Tutor will be looked at.</p>  |
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| <p>You would like more clarity on both the criteria and logistics of the reward trips. There appeared to be some anomalies in who was eligible. In addition, could there be more information provided about the trip, i.e.. specific details about activities, guidance on what money to take etc., especially for Parents/Carers of younger students who maybe involved for the first time. You also wondered if it would be possible to issue communication to Parents/Carers about them sooner so that families may plan for any expense and/or other knock on effects.</p> | <p>We were delighted to be able to include so many students in our reward trips once again at Easter and were thrilled they all went so well. However, we have noted these comments and thank you for your constructive feedback. The comments will be passed on to those involved in organising the trips.</p> |
| <p>You wanted us to note the need to ensure Reception is staffed for the duration of evening events as you have seen examples of students and visitors being unable to access school as no-one was there to assist them.</p>   | <p>We have recognised this also and it is something our Administration staff are reviewing.</p>   |
| <p>Fundraising and Accounts</p> <p>Bags 2 School</p> <p>Easy Fundraising</p> <p>Chocolate Tasting Evening Event</p> <p>Funding Bids Agreed:<br/>£180 towards external music examinations<br/>£115 for a pyrography machine in Art</p>  | <p>Booked for Friday 21st June. Information will be circulated in due course.</p> <p>Mr Armitage and Ms Pickles to meet to make application.</p> <p>Ms Beckles to provide more information</p> <p>Thank you we will inform the staff involved, they will be delighted.</p>                                      |
| <p>You wanted to pass on your congratulations and thanks for a "fantastic" show to all those involved in Billy Elliot.</p>   | <p>We will pass this on. We are so proud of everyone involved, it really was a wonderful spectacle</p>  |
| <p>You wondered whether we could produce an overview of all the projects the Parent Forum had supported over the years so it can be shared with stakeholders</p>   | <p>We will try to put this together as soon as possible.</p>  |
| <p>You wondered if school uniform which was no longer used but in good condition would be useful.</p>  | <p>We would happily receive donations of school uniform which we can keep as spares to help current students.</p>   |

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