



## Parent and Friends Forum

### The Success Story....

The Parent Forum was established in October 2011 and over the subsequent eight years has recorded a catalogue of success stories, helping to shape and improve our school. The Parent Forum is recognised by all stakeholders as a fundamental part of the school, and the contributions made by members have had significant and measurable impact on our school. Below are the headline achievements of the group during its first eight years.

- ⇒ **Design and decision on Parent Forum logo, branding and image**
- ⇒ **Established the Parent Forum Refreshment Stall at school events**
- ⇒ **Rubber stamped the use of Restorative Justice in school**
- ⇒ **Contributions to the school newsletter, including its rebranding as CONNECT**
- ⇒ **Contributed to the Parent Forum page on the school website**
- ⇒ **Gained new sponsorship and corporate partners for the school**
- ⇒ **Purchased two new sports kits for students to wear when representing the school at a cost of £700**
- ⇒ **Advised on timings for Year 7 parents meetings**
- ⇒ **Identified issues with Home - School Communication and supported the school in making the necessary and ongoing changes**
- ⇒ **Advised on changes to the school uniform**
- ⇒ **Advised on changes to the student planner**
- ⇒ **Helped us review Exam Week**
- ⇒ **Helped us review the Options process**
- ⇒ **Advised on our Reward system**
- ⇒ **Advised on our "Rules on a page" initiative**
- ⇒ **Sponsorship of the Student Support Award at the annual Celebration Evening for students.**
- ⇒ **Critically analysed Student Reports from a parent/carer perspective**
- ⇒ **Supported the school through the change of day proposals, offering a "critical friend" approach and agreeing to help us review once the new school year has begun.**
- ⇒ **Participating in the interview and appointment of new staff and student leaders**
- ⇒ **Creating a constitution, outlining all elements of the Parent Forum.**
- ⇒ **Provided the driving force behind the school purchasing three defibrillators and also providing funding and corporate sponsorship totalling £1300.**
- ⇒ **Securing a further £500 in sponsorship for new sports kits**
- ⇒ **Provided funding for a new outside seating area for Year 7 Students**
- ⇒ **Provided funding which has allowed the school to set up a Horticulture course, particularly targeting those Students who may not gain a more academic, classroom based qualification.**
- ⇒ **Provided funding for a Pre Prom Reception for Year 11 Leavers and their families**
- ⇒ **Provided funding to enable the start up of an LGBT ambassadors initiative in school**
- ⇒ **Provided funding for Students to participate in an Arts awards**
- ⇒ **Provided funding for a projector, screen and speakers in our Year 11 area.**
- ⇒ **Helped share important Safeguarding information with other Parents/Carers**
- ⇒ **Helped review our Quality Assurance processes in both Teaching and Learning and Behaviour Management**
- ⇒ **Helped us trial and launch the SIMs Parent App**
- ⇒ **Provided funding for a bike shelter for Students**
- ⇒ **Introduced the "Red Box" project in school to help tackle period poverty**
- ⇒ **Additional art resources and technology**
- ⇒ **Games equipment for students to use at break and lunch**

As we enter the academic year 2019-2020 the Parent Forum have a healthy reserve of funds and we are confident of another hugely successful year. Well done and thank you to everyone who has contributed to the success so far.

