



Parents' Forum Meeting Minutes

Friday 23rd June 2017

4.00pm

In Attendance: Mrs Hutley, Mrs Thorncraft-Smith, Mrs Browne, Miss Littlewood

Apologies: Mrs Wilkins, Mr Browne, Mrs De Silva, Mrs Whiteman

1. Dates for 2017-18

These dates were issued at the meeting (listed below). Date change since – the September meeting will now be held on Friday 29th and not 22nd.

Friday 29th September 2017

Friday 17th November 2017

Friday 2nd February 2018

Friday 2nd March 2018

Friday 11th May 2018

Friday 6th July 2018

2. Live Streaming on Facebook

Mrs Thorncraft-Smith requested that Prize Giving is live streamed so her family in Australia can witness Bronwyn's contribution. PH has spoken to RH who says this is possible. She will try to stream the whole event, but especially Bronwyn's Head Girl speech.

3. Junior Show

Could we make a film of the Junior Show, The Lion King? This is likely but could only be issued for personal use rather than fully screened as there will be children present for whom we do not have the relevant permissions to broadcast.

4. Snapchat

Discussed changes to Snapchat and today's news that the exact location of the sender will be revealed unless some amends are made to the privacy settings. RH has already sent out a full email to all alerting them to the perils of not changing settings and instructions on how to do it.

5. Facebook

There seems to be some changes to Facebook notifications and some parents losing these - I will check this through with RH to see what to advice.

6. Year 10 Exam Results

We had a general conversation about how best to communicate the insecurities for this year's Yr10 regarding likely grade awards next summer, and the difficulty in finding parity with relative marks, depending on tiers of entry, difficulties of papers and so on.

7. SEND and 1:1 Tuition

There was general consensus that offering 'paid for' services was a good thing and that those who could afford to buy may - much cheaper than doing the same privately. An existing parent may not be able to afford additional charges however it was made clear that the existing provision within the curriculum successfully meets most pupils' needs.

8. Sixth Form

We briefly discussed the sixth form idea. There was a general consensus that it would be fab. But all wanted different things. It was made clear that it would be unlikely to run for A levels (need minimum numbers for each subject offered). Space limitations etc. The idea of a bespoke service to meet continuing needs of those who found access difficult as a platform for work or further lower level study was also thought to be a good longer term ideal.

9. Trustees

The requirement for further Trustees was mentioned. Mrs Thorncraft-Smith had some possible people in her acquaintance who she would have a brief conversation with to see if any might be interested. I have asked her to pass on any contacts to me so that Dr Heath can contact them directly. Miss Littlewood was keen for parent trustees. The conflicts of interest were discussed. We thought about previous parents who may fit the bill. Mrs Thorncraft-Smith recommended Debbie Anderton (Works in ICT at council).