



# Parent Council Minutes

## Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2021

### 6:00-7:15pm. Library

#### Apologies

- Anne Hummersone
- Sarah Poole
- Louise Gray
- Darren White
- Tracy Baros

#### Minutes

- **Membership Update**

There are some spaces to join Parent Council. Members asked if they knew anyone who wanted to join then ask them to email contact Dr Ingate

  - 2 spaces in Year 7
  - 1 space in Year 8
  - 2 spaces in Year 10
  - 2 spaces in Year 12
  - 2 spaces in Year 13
- **Covid-19 update and feedback**
  - Infection rates down following Half Term (only 6 live cases)
  - Vaccination Day was very problematic due to lack of Nurses and vaccines arriving late. Catch up day for Years 7 and 8 on 17<sup>th</sup> November
  - 73% uptake for vaccinations
  - 90% of 6<sup>th</sup> formers vaccinated
  - Parents felt the school had been very good at sending out communications regarding Covid
  - Year 7 & 8 Vaccination Day set for Weds 17<sup>th</sup> November
- **Planning for next year – Parent’s Evenings – virtual or actual**
  - Virtual Parent’s evenings are more efficient, private and logistically work better
  - Booking system was more efficient with parents booking the appointments
  - Limited to number of teachers you could request an appointment with – could this be changed?
  - A support contact number would be useful in case of technical issues
  - Years 7, 8 and 11 – maybe actual face to face
  - Years 9 and 10 – virtual
  - 6<sup>th</sup> form – could appointment times be longer?
  - Parents keen to have Parents Engagement Information Evenings in school
  - Could subject information for every school year be made available virtually?
  - The Year 11 workshop (which was held in school) was very well attended.
  - Summer School was very well attended and currently looking to be run again next summer

Action point – Dr. Ingate to discuss these points with SLT and Heads of Faculty

- **Roundtable** – topics Parent Council wish to raise for discussion or future meetings
  - Mental Health page on the website with links to helpful websites.

- [Dr Ingate to discuss with Mr Stopps but school is aware.](#)
- What support is there for Year 11 students' mental health and wellbeing as there is a backlog to see the School Welfare Team?
- Communication to be better to parents on topics such as diversity and racism and the topics discussed in the PSHE sessions – [Website needs to be more explicit on this](#)
- TV Screens are being installed around the school, with a 'what's on' advertising system so students can see what extracurricular clubs are available and other events around the school
- Fosters – service is not very good, long delays in orders being fulfilled. [A second 2<sup>nd</sup> provider is being considered at the moment.](#)
- Car Park – Could the Site Staff monitor the flow of traffic at the gates as some cars stop as soon as they go through the gate and it backs up the rest of the traffic. [Dr Ingate to speak to Site Staff](#)
- Martin Lewis has released a handbook for schools regarding Personal Finance – is this something that could be part of PSHE? [Mr Loveday has built this as part of the PSHE lessons keeping it age appropriate.](#)
- Year 12 – The independent study isn't easy for all students. Could they receive some structure and guidance to help them become more efficient and effective? [Dr Ingate to discuss with Mr Torrance and Mrs Hassani](#)
- Study Clubs – could they be mandatory for all Year 11 students? This would be difficult to enforce.
- Does the School compare the revision sessions available between the different Faculties? [To be raised at Heads of Faculty Meeting](#)
- Detention – same day after school detentions, students are expected to complete work
- Trips – day trips have been reinstated but not residential trips at the moment.
- Year 7 Handbook – a few items of 'must haves' were missing: scissors, coloured pencils and football boots.
  - Interim Reports – Could Parents be informed of the meanings of the targets and how they are set. Dr Ingate explained that the school is working hard on ensuring that Current Working Grades are accurate alongside clear subject-specific targets to improve attainment. Parents agreed with this. [Dr Ingate to share feedback with Mr Gilbank](#)
- Key Priorities for 21/22
  - School focusing on the 10 priorities;
    - Covid awareness / keeping healthy / post-pandemic keeps
    - Safeguarding and Operational Vigilance
    - Academic Outcomes
    - Literacy and catch-up focus
    - Curriculum Review
    - Teaching & Learning
    - Staff workload and wellbeing
    - CPD
    - Facility Improvement Projects
    - Parental engagement focus
- **Items from the Chair including PSFA update**
  - Pre-owned Uniform – donations welcome to the school. This has proved invaluable to parents.
  - Bonus Ball has started for October. Can set up a standing order of £3 per month.
  - PSFA to look at their direction with a view of running 2 events per academic year.
  - Sarah Ficken has taken on the role of Treasurer
  - Still looking for someone to take on the role of Chair

## Parent Council Members – Autumn 2021

Chair: Katie Horwood

	Parent 1	Parent 2	Parent 3	Parent 4
Year 7	Flora Klumper	Darren White		
Year 8	Charlotte Sams	Louise Gray	Michelle Jones Boswell	
Year 9	Tracy Baros	Elliott Howe	Michelle Gowlett	Pam Harknett
Year 10	Alison Reader	Kerry Gaulton		
Year 11	Samantha Ramsey	Sarah Poole	Helene Petterson	Sarah Ficken
Year 12	Anne Hummersone	Tony Tyler		
Year 13	Sarah Foxall	Vicki Sweeney		