

Parents' Forum

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016

**Present:** Nicola Caley/Tom Hyland/Lisa Rockley/Rob Musson/Suzanne Plimmer/Karsten Stephan  
 Jenny Anderson  
 Jane Seymour  
 K Woolley  
 Janet Walker  
 Sandra Payne  
 Kim Thomas  
 Ruth Brittle  
 Becky Thomas  
 Sarah Bird  
 Nicola Peddie  
 Esther Fulton

**Apologies:** Paul Heery

Area	Discussion	Action
Y11 results up-date	<p>Minutes on the website.</p> <p>Data point predictions provided. Looking strong for this year. 72.1% 5 A* - C (EM)                      Maths is one most people are interested in. 73% A* – C with Maths.                      As well as November we've had 2 more mocks. (one will be after Easter). Mocks moderated by a TBS teacher who marks for an exam board. Y10 is stronger especially for PP students. Attendance = 97% (96% 2014-2015).                      Ofsted will look at in school data next time they come, so this is positive.                      Value Added + Progress &amp; Data should take us to Good.                      Maths &amp; English increased at last data point. Last year we dipped on Maths so we have a new Head of Maths for TBS.                      2 new Maths teachers for AW – just appointed (Tom Witton). We are also maintaining staff we have. Marking in Maths has improved.</p> <p>(Parent) Expressed concern about the consistency of Maths teacher. Y8 lots of different teachers – 2 years of frustration.                      (CAL) This year Mr Collingwood left during the year, so we had to use supply. Miss Colley will be teaching more. Y8 will have more challenging maths lessons. We are responding to issues as soon as possible. Other staff returning from maternity year, so that is easing the situation.</p>	
Y11 Support	<p>A parent thanked the team because Y11 support is much more structured + supported than in previous years (when an older son came through the school). Intervention and mock exams has helped son's preparation for GCSEs.                      (CAL) New strategies in place are working: we have more mocks to help benchmark. TBS 'blind marked'. Teacher who marked with Edexcel has assisted with the marking to ensure accuracy.</p>	
Y7 & 8 Revision	<p>What will Y7 and 8 be tested on in the summer?                      (CAL) Website 'school life' exams and revision.                      (HYL) staff have been updating it this week. Staff focussing on Y11. Information about where it is will be made available as</p>	On Website by 1 <sup>st</sup> April.

Lunchtimes	<p>soon as possible. Essence is what topics the students have done this year.  (HYL) Y9 will do exams on core subjects only. Y7 &amp; 8 will do exams in lesson time not in the Sports Hall.  20<sup>th</sup> June for exams.  English will start with the new course – Y9 teacher will have to change what they are examining to fit with the new GCSE.  (CAL) Maths &amp; Science are sending out tests for lower years.</p> <p>Gets congested and difficult to get lunch on time. Have corrected some of this – Y11 go to the left hatch and everyone else goes right. There are two groups now for the dinner queue.</p> <p>Not enough healthy options.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- More fruit?</li> <li>- More salad?</li> </ul> <p>CAL confirmed that NCC have a set menu and we can't move out of that. New tenders are being considered.</p>	
German Exchange	<p>Thanks to Mr Stephan for the exchange. Work hard to get it right. An amazing trip and works so well. Very slick and well organised.</p>	
Y7 Parents' Evening	<p>Map of where the teachers are. (CAL) We did acknowledge this at the Y7 parents' evening and will display the map on the screen.  (Parent) Sign up for Parents' Evenings on website.  (HYL) Some parents do not have access to computers &amp; we could do this for some parents.  Adapting online assessment system from September.  Introduce a booking system perhaps.</p>	HYL to look into on-line booking system for exams.
Sponsor a Chair	<p>Sample chair available to try. Tomorrow's non-uniform will be to raise funds for chairs in the hall.</p>	
Twilight options	<p>Y9 will know after Easter and will let parents know as soon as it has been decided.</p>	
Uniform	<p>Y11 do not have to wear a blazer but will require the jumper, shirt and tie.</p>	
Tutor periods	<p>Twice a week next year has been confirmed - requested by Nicola Caley.</p>	
IT Qualification	<p>ECDL qualification. Six students in Y11 are doing this to add to their qualifications.</p>	