



Parents' Forum
Thursday 20th June 2019

Area	Discussion	Action
<p>Review of last meeting's minutes:</p> <p>Homework:</p> <p>My Ed:</p> <p>Work Experience:</p> <p>Careers:</p> <p>Support for learning:</p> <p>Target Setting:</p>	<p>Discrepancy with amount being set between different year groups is still apparent. Progress Leaders are monitoring. School to assess that homework is set appropriately for students. Homework is still being set during exam period when students want to revise as well as home. Suggested to have a homework break during exam period for students to revise instead.</p> <p>Form tutors email addresses to be visible on school website.</p> <p>Y10 – feedback verbal on mock interview day, plus written feedback not given on the day because follow-up is in Y11 when those sheets plus the CV are given out to take home.</p> <p>Careers: This is a focus point for the school and the trust. Want to increase contact with various local employers.</p> <p>Still some exercise books just show answers without the questions. Revision guides can be purchased through the school for GCSEs. BBC bitesize useful.</p> <p>Links between assessment in Y9 and targets for GCSE. Parent feedback – students do respond to the targets they have been set, so if the target is too high it can lead to increased anxiety for the student.</p> <p>New OFSTED framework in September 2019 will help with measuring learning.</p>	<p>Email will be sent to parents on the day the forms are being sent home.</p> <p>Plans to look at this again, particularly for non-academic subjects.</p>
Exams Y9:	Y9 - Parent told 3 exams next week but student told no English, Maths sometime in July, supply for science so still doesn't know. Why aren't they tested in other subjects?	

<p>Exams Y10:</p>	<p>They don't sit exams at the end of Y9 as some students might not be taking those subjects in Y10. Students are tested throughout the year to check progress.</p> <p>As GCSEs are now exam based no longer including coursework those starting in school are having exams from Y7. Y9 is used as foundation for GCSE in Science and Maths.</p> <p>School will communicate clearly to parents when exams are being held. Just having termly tests is being considered.</p> <p>Discussion around replicating intensity of GCSEs rather than mock exams spread out through the year. "Walking talking mocks" are used to prepare students.</p> <p>By having lots of exam experience lower down the school it helps to normalise the GCSE exam period.</p> <p>Parents confirmed school support was excellent for Y11 students and the teachers giving up their time in half-term/Easter was really appreciated.</p> <p>Year group parents information evening planned.</p> <p>March mocks (timings due to clash with Y7/8 exams in Summer, but not in every subject. (Most did). It has been inconsistent across different subjects. Seemed early. Then confusingly further mocks in the summer.</p> <p>Suggestion to run 2 weeks of Y10 mocks once GCSE exams have finished. Properly invigilated.</p> <p>Lots of work around students requiring additional support. It uses the school's resources, in particular impacting on PE as sports hall is used for exams.</p> <p>Change the language used around Y10 mocks to differentiate when an assessment is.</p> <p>Predicted grades are used for college places rather than result from mock exams!</p>	
<p>Uniform:</p>	<p>Slight change to material of PE top - no planned change to uniform.</p> <p>Coats: now 'plain dark coloured coats' following feedback from Parent Forum.</p>	
<p>Emotional wellbeing support for students:</p>	<p>Students can approach any member of staff.</p> <p>Students can go to the base to get support.</p> <p>Counsellor shared with Bramcote College.</p> <p>School nurse linked to CAMHS.</p> <p>PHSE & Citizenship – video clips on how to spot signs of depression. Also assemblies.</p>	<p>School will discuss with Round Hill what they are doing around well-being and teaching mindfulness techniques to children there.</p>

