



**Parents' Forum**  
**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

(PF – Parents Forum)

Area	Discussion	Action
<p><b>1) Minutes / Matters arising</b></p> <p>Use of past GCSE paper to revise + practice at home:</p>	<p>Mrs Mellors reviewed the minutes of the last meeting.</p> <p>Mrs Mellors explained that there is always an 'un-seen' GCSE paper from the previous year which may be used in mock exams. It is fine for students to access/use the papers and mark schemes available on the website – these will not include the one from the previous year.</p>	<p>Many items from previous minutes are on-going or will be discussed below.</p>
<p><b>2) New teachers:</b></p>	<p>Question about why there are so many new teachers currently. Some students appear to have many new teachers due to time-tabling.</p> <p>Mrs Mellors explained there have been an unusual number of mid-year staff changes – retirement &amp; maternity leave. This is quite unusual for Alderman White. Continuity is usually good in school. AW hosts trainee teachers which is positive. This supports recruitment.</p> <p>Mrs Rockley explained new staff induction process. Staff have mentors + observations. Aim for as much continuity as possible. Can offer NQT training or 'hot-spotting' to visit any identified class. Coaching &amp; team teaching also provided.</p> <p>Curriculum teaching hand-over needs to be clear for new staff.</p> <p>Currently, there are 3 trainee teachers who work alongside teachers and 9 PGCE teachers from Nottingham University.</p> <p>Generally, school only uses supply staff when this is absolutely necessary.</p>	<p>Mrs Rockley reminded everyone that feedback about teaching is very valuable. Parents + students to feedback appropriately.</p>
<p><b>3) Exam equipment:</b></p>	<p>Do the students need to prepare their own equipment for an exam?</p> <p>Students bring their own calculator &amp; pen to exams.</p> <p>Students in Year 11 will be able to bring their own equipment but school equipment is provided.</p>	<p>Mr Young to ensure Y11 students and parents are clear that they can provide their own exam equipment.</p>
<p><b>4) Classroom expectations:</b></p>	<p>Mr Farnie explained that student behaviour for learning is good.</p>	

<p>5) <b>Parent questionnaire feedback:</b></p> <p>6) <b>AOB:</b></p>	<p>TES report described how some students may miss the average of 38 days per year (not at Alderman White). Alderman White asked students' opinion about behaviour expectations, along with staff leadership – all these correlated well.</p> <p>Classroom expectations have been drawn up to share in school. School will support all students to meet these expectations.</p> <p>INSPIRE points will be re-launched for students. There is a pilot underway to increase consistency where all staff allocate 5 INSPIRE per class. Discussion about how the success of new INSPIRE system will be monitored.</p> <p>Mr Farnie explained that behaviour statistics are analysed &amp; there are 'learning walks' through classrooms.</p> <p>Mrs Mellors explained that the Behaviour Policy will be reviewed in school over the year.</p> <p>There was a question about Graduation and whether the algorithm is calculated to balance the activities which are offered in school vs things which need to be paid for – Mrs Mellors &amp; Mr Stephan responded to this.</p> <p>Mrs Mellors explained that 85 responses were received. General theme is very positive – some responses need following up by school, especially 'communication' related. 'Achievement' also to be followed up.</p> <p>School buildings – Trust are aware of the need to develop facilities at school.</p> <p>i) Will there be any change in Year 7 with streaming for Maths, which is not happening at present? Mrs Mellors responded to explain this is being reviewed.</p> <p>ii) Sport Trip offered for PE which is not offered to everybody. This is an external trip, where students need to be aged 15 &amp; above.</p> <p>iii) Parent Forum acknowledged all the positive support offered by school.</p>	<p>School will launch new 'Classroom Expectations'.</p> <p>School to categorise written comments from parents and identify strategies/improvements.</p> <p>Grouping evaluation to be shared with Parent Forum in the summer term.</p> <p>Mrs Holling to be asked to investigate</p>
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