

Parents' Forum Minutes

Thursday 2nd May 2024 - 8 attendees

Introductions - all 8 attendees are Year 7 parents

New School Update

Discussion points - routines established, queueing, lunch time zones, safe and calm. Some restrictions needing careful management. Delay in fully demolishing old buildings by approximately 6 months.

Parental comments/feedback:

1. Students like the environment
2. It's still very clinical because it's new.

Actions - N/A

Student Safety

Discussion points - Campaign on Tyldesley Live regarding perceived bullying, we do have incidents but not many and they are dealt with promptly. Some bullying takes place out of school hours. Difference between falling out/peer conflict and bullying.

Parental comments/feedback:

1. Daughter feels safe and secure and Tyldesley Live is nonsense. School are supportive.
2. Agreed, daughter has had issues with friendships but now resolved. Tend to stay away from social media.
3. Son was having an issue with a particular child and I email to the HOY resolved the issue.
4. What is the best course of action in the event of bullying? JW advised to contact HOY initially and it is logged and investigated.
5. What is Tyldesley Live? Daughter had a slight issue before Easter and it seemed tit-for-tat but it's stopped since Easter.

Actions - N/A

Parents' Evening feedback

Discussion points - set up differently in the new building and have to use multiple venues. Some parents prefer online but we feel face-to-face is best.

Parental comments/feedback:

1. Really liked the evening and saw all teachers in 3 hours. Brilliant event. Much better than an appointments system.
2. Some staff take a long time but I prefer coming in rather than online.
3. One teacher wasn't in so is there a contingency for this? JW - Can email in and ask for feedback either via teacher or HOY.
4. I agree it's more personal face-to-face and it was really well organised. Online appointments are too rushed when you only have 5 minutes.

Actions - N/A

Information provided to parents on progress and attainment

Discussion points - systematic process of reporting. Interim 1 on behaviour and attitude to learning. Interim 2 was similar but will have attainment in English and Maths. We make sure the information is accurate and evidence based before sending it out. Next report will come towards the end of the year and will have assessment data in all subjects. Then Student-Led Conference will take place in July where your child presents their learning and reflects. Feedback is really good for this and it's a powerful event.

Parental comments/feedback:

1. Is SLC where students present to the whole school? PD - No, they present to their parents and form tutor. Some form tutors will coach students through it where needed.
2. At St George's they have started something similar with Year 6 two years ago and it worked really well.
3. How do you engage with parents who don't come forward for events? PD - It's a challenge and we make phone calls and try and break barriers. Post-Covid has seen a drop in attendance. Pastoral team get to know the families and we have some successes, but some are hard to reach.

Actions - N/A

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1. My feedback is superb. Daughter was in Addams Family and we were blown away.
2. Evening of Dance was excellent.
3. Opportunities available are incredible with trips.