



HODGSON ACADEMY PARENT FORUM

Wednesday 27th September, 2017

7.30pm in the LRC

MINUTES

1. Welcome and Apologies

Martin Pickles, Finance Director (MPI) & Jeanette Bristow, Assistant Principal (JBR) opened the meeting and welcomed parents to the meeting.

2. Matters Arising

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and agreed

The new Mobile phone policy has been successfully implemented with majority of students adapting very well. Only a few issues but generally a huge success.

3. Summary of GCSE Results 2017

JBR summarised the 2017 Year 11 external examination results. The school were very pleased with the outcomes particularly given the new specifications in English and mathematics.

Key figures were shared with the forum, highlighting the success we had with the new Basics measure and also our Pupil Premium students. It was noted that departments had worked hard throughout the year in order for students to reach their full potential. Curriculum changes had put pressure on subjects as it was an unknown area with regard to expectations in exams. School was in the process of requesting re-marks for some students and we were slowly getting the results of the re-marks, with some pleasing changes already received for some results.

4. Summary of Building / ICT Works Summer 2017

Building works, which have been completed or are underway include a new tarmaced area in the millennium gardens; the LRC is undergoing refurbishment; the reading garden is being established with new benches and landscaping to be finalised.

5. Summary of new Catering Service September 2017

Chartwells are our new catering providers and they have made an excellent impression with the quality and portions of food provided. Food is much healthier, there is a wider variety offered and feedback from students is very positive. A few teething problems with queues at the start of term as would be expected with any new venture. It seems to be much better as students and catering staff now getting used to the new service arrangements.

Parentpay is now installed and after staff training and some final ICT 'works' parents will be able to pay for school dinners online.

6. Outline of Academy Plan for 2017/18

JBR summarised the Academy Plan for 2017/18

7. Any Other Business

Where are students able to fill up water bottles or access drinking water?

There are water fountains in both dining rooms and all cold water taps provide safe drinking water. e.g the wash basins in the toilets may be used to fill bottles.

Where can students complete homework? The LRC is available most days before and after school, breaks and lunchtimes. If the LRC is closed, there is always alternative provision.

School is looking at more ways to support students and parents with homework, in addition to the planner, one way being that there could be an online platform for parents and students to check what homework has been set and deadlines for submission.
