

Meeting Date	12 October 2016
Meeting Location	Seminar Room
Meeting	Parent Forum

Discussion

Action

1 Feedback on minutes and matters arising from

Mr Armiger went through the minutes which were approved.

2 Results and outcomes from the 2015-16 academic year

Mr Bryant informed the meeting that the GCSE exam results were 'stunning', better than last year and above the national average.

The new Progress 8 measure is calculated by the total APS for 8 subjects (English & Maths are doubled). The score is then divided by 10. The TLA score is +.27 which equates to a quarter of a grade per subject per child better than the national average.

The Post 16 results were not quite as good as the GCSE results. Our Challenge Partners will be focusing on the 6th Form. Mr Armiger has a proven success with 6th Form in his previous school and will be applying his expertise to make our 6th Form the best it can be.

Parent Question: What percentage of 6th Form students started at TLA in Year 7?

Approximately 60% of the students were at TLA from Year 7 and had slightly better results than external applicants.

Full details on the 215-16 Exam Results can be found at:

<http://www.langleyacademy.org/pages/examinformation.html>

3 Feedback on the new school day

The new timings and structure of the school day were implemented in September. Directorate have reviewed the arrangements and we are pleased with the way it has gone.

Monday and Tuesday PREP: Monday focuses on Numeracy or Literacy. It gives students an opportunity to have access to IT or the library. PREP is always supervised. Directorate have walked around and PREP time and find students are working in a purposeful way.

Enrichment for Year 7 & 8: This is working well. Students are able to choose an activity and are enjoying enrichment. TLA view this as part of educating the whole child.

2 week timetable: This has also launched well and the students have accepted it.

Thursday finish at 14.50: This will provide a whole year of CPD for staff. With the constant changes by the Government it is important that TLA has the opportunity for staff training.

Split lunch on 3 days: There is less waiting time for students to be served. This has provided a calmer atmosphere in the restaurant with students being able to sit and eat at the tables.

Wednesday: Not a split lunch time and the queues become congested

Friday: A long time between break time (10.20) and lunchtime (13.40)

Parent question: 6th Form have a lot of supervised study time but don't have access to ICT or text books.

RAR – We are looking at resources for the 6th Form. We have a difficulty in stretching ICT resources for the whole academy. Customary study time for Year 12 is 20 hours per week and 30 hours per week for Year 13

Parent question: Students don't have access to ICT during PREP

RBY – TLA will consider ICT access on a rota and rolling basis. Students can bring their own devices to use. TLA will consider providing iPads for all students. Teachers are told to set non ICT work for PREP time. The new curriculum does not contain as much coursework and students will need to be able to work without ICT

Parent question: My child comes home on Monday with no homework to do

RBY – Show My Homework (SMHW) will show parents what work has been set and what has been completed. The majority of all homework is now set on SMHW but not all. Parents can contact teachers via the student planner or put a note on SMHW. SMHW is reviewed and monitored weekly by a member of Directorate.

Parent question: Some of the homework is showing as overdue on SMHW but my child hasn't been given a detention.

RBY – We will look into this

Parent question: Some homework is set late at night which doesn't always give the student time to complete the work

RAR – Teachers will be reminded in briefing to set work on time.

4 AOB

Are Vegetarian Meal options available?

The restaurant provides a meat and vegetarian hot Main Meal daily plus meat and vegetarian Street Food. There is also soup and the salad bar.

More information is available at:

<http://www.langleyacademy.org/pages/restaurant.html>

Is the meat used in the recipes Halal?

We will ask the Restaurant Manager and respond to parents.

The rucksacks seem to be very heavy to carry around all day.



Students are encouraged to only carry what they will need for the day. Lockers are not suitable at TLA. PE kit can go into the separate bag.

Since the entrance to the academy has been moved students are finding difficulties in crossing the road in Trelawney Avenue.

RBV – The new Green Drive entrance has sped up the process at the start and end of the day. TLA are not insured for staff to go out on road crossing duty. TLA will carry out Road Safety assemblies but we advise parents to contact the Council and local MP with concerns. There is more traffic in the local area due to road closures.

Is it possible to know when subject testing takes place?

RBV – Subject testing is a constant function within the academy. Parents can contact subject teachers via student planners or email the faculty. All contact email addresses are available (see below) on the TLA website. Parent will receive a progress report 5 times per year.

<http://www.langlevacademy.org/pages/contactus.html>

Can communication be improved? i.e. Trips, payments

Students selected for trips will be given a letter to give to parents. TLA endeavour to send an email where appropriate but not all parents have access to email. Important dates are displayed on the Academy website.

<http://www.langlevacademy.org/pages/datesforyourdiary.html>

Important message from Mr Bryant to all parent:

I would strongly urge all parents to check their child's mobile phone at least once a week. It has been found that 3/10 children in the UK will have inappropriate and illegal images on their mobile phone. If found in possession of such images the child could face prosecution. There is also the possibility that your child is being bullied and can be targeted in their own home via the internet and social media. Advice and guidance on internet safety can be found at

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/> and <https://ceop.police.uk/>

Meeting closed at: 19.15

Date of next meeting: 23 November 2016