

Meeting Date	3 February 2016
Meeting Location	Boardroom
Meeting	Parent Forum

Discussion	Action
<p>1</p> <p>Feedback on minutes and matters arising from 2 December 2015 Mr Blewett went through the minutes which were approved.</p> <p>Restaurant and menu – the menu has now been moved to the top of the page for the Restaurant. There is still a check on student ID cards and staff have been doubled on queues so Y7 and Y8 go in, then Y9 and Y10 etc. Wet days remain a challenge at times for break and lunch as there are more students in the Atrium.</p> <p>Uniform – issues have now been resolved.</p> <p>Showmyhome - has now been rolled out. Parents would like to see more tests on the site. Notifications to be uploaded a week or 2 before so students can prepare.</p> <p>Action: Investigate uploading tests on the site with notifications.</p> <p>Harsh weather protocols – letter sent and updated on website. In the light of schools receiving bomb threats in the Midlands, the same protocols will be used.</p> <p>Length of School holidays – considered and decided not to proceed at this point in time. This would reduce the opportunity of INSET for teachers and the Academy needs to identify training for staff.</p> <p>Tutor Groups – continues to be under review and work in progress.</p> <p>PE Kit - Quality of jacket for PE. This has been considered and the quality of the jacket is adequate.</p>	<p>LHU</p>
<p>2</p> <p>Careers Mr Goodyear circulated a document regarding careers. The Academy will be applying for Investors in Careers. The questions on the back page of the document were highlighted and any feedback to be emailed to Mr Goodyear at a later date. Not all parents were aware that there was a careers section on the website. The Academy would like to increase the involvement of parents with careers and a separate form will be sent to parents requesting</p>	

	<p>information as to how they can support the Academy in careers. Parents were asked to let Mr Goodyear know if they have any contacts with local businesses.</p> <p>Parents raised the possibility of inviting parents to the Academy to discuss careers with their children. Mr Goodyear asked what they would expect from such a meeting. Parents responded with awareness and support, and how to decide on making a decision for future employment. Students choose their options in Year 8 and an evening on careers before the choice is made would be beneficial.</p> <p>Action: Form to be sent to parents requesting information on how they can support the Academy in careers and if parents have contact with any local businesses.</p> <p>Action: Document circulated at meeting to be placed on website.</p>	<p>JGO</p> <p>TLE/CMK</p>
<p>3</p>	<p>Curriculum Review</p> <p>Mr Patel circulated a Curriculum Review document.</p> <p>Positives about the Academy – location is important to Parents. The image and perception of the Academy has improved since becoming an academy. Parents find the Academy approachable, good reputation, high profile, there are a variety of trips and the Academy feedbacks enriches student life.</p> <p>Would changing the times of day improve results from 50% to 60% +? The timings of the Academy day were discussed. Nationally there should be 24 or 25 hours of learning in a week. The Academy currently provides 25 hrs 50 mins. Enrichment provides a further 50 mins. Quality and experience are more important than the amount of hours/lessons. Most schools in the Slough area are happy with 25 hrs. Parents are happy with the start and finish timings of the day.</p> <p>The Government have now changed the focus to 8 subjects – Maths, English 3 EBacc subjects and 3 subjects from the ‘open group’. The current Year 7 will be the first cohort to choose from the Progress 8 system.</p> <p>A discussion was had around PREP. Completing homework and independent work for an hour at the Academy. This would mean there would be one lesson less in the Academy week. Parents liked this idea as students would have time at home for family activities.</p> <p>Parents asked if students have study skills opportunities. Y7 and Y8 have a study skills day and are taught how to organise their time, create a timetable and prepare for exams. Students also know how to assess their work for ‘What went well’ and ‘Even better if’. Parents discussed different learning styles, memory, visual and kinaesthetic learning. Mr Patel to email parents with different learning styles.</p> <p>Lunchtime is currently 40 mins but could be 30 mins with year groups being split over 2 sittings. Possibility of House Tutor time being moved to enable this to happen.</p> <p>Parents to come in and see how the Academy operates. Mr Patel to investigate this further.</p>	

	<p>Parents asked if there was a covered area outside for students to eat outside as they are not permitted to eat in the Atrium. Mr Blewett to investigate the possibility further.</p> <p>Next steps for Curriculum Review: consult with governors and then all stakeholders have been met. Put together a draft model during Half Term for Directorate to discuss first week back. There would be 4 weeks of consultation. To be updated at next Parent Forum Meeting on 23 March 2016.</p> <p>Action: Mr Patel to email parents with different learning styles.</p> <p>Action: Parents to come in to the Academy to see how it operates.</p> <p>Action: Mr Blewett to investigate the possibility of a covered area for students to eat outside.</p> <p>Action: Mr Patel to report to next Parent Forum Meeting.</p>	<p>CPA</p> <p>PBL</p> <p>CPA</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>AOB</p> <p>PE – Parents enquired why students are requested to run around the field several times. Mr Blewett confirmed that it was good exercise.</p> <p>SIMS Email – Investigate In Touch to see if more than one parent can be sent an email.</p> <p>Parents would like the Year System to be a topic for the next Parent Forum Meeting on 23 March 2016.</p> <p>Date of next meeting: 23 March 2016</p>	<p>CPA</p> <p>PBL</p>
	<p>Meeting closed at: 19:00</p>	