

## **Parents' Forum Meeting** **Monday 11 January 2016**

Thank you to all those who attended

1. **Homework** – Mr Pickering organised an iPad challenge. Parents completed the survey as a dummy run. Advice was given back to Mr Pickering as a result of the dummy run.

### **Parental Support**

- How can parents help support their children/academy?
- Subject methodologies have changed especially in maths. Since parents were in school themselves.
- How do parents find out whether their child has homework? (planners, photos of board).
- Topic/subject drop-ins from subjects (must be advertised).
- Twenty – forty minutes is the right duration for homework.
- KS4 homework is a big jump from KS3 homework.
- Differentiation is the key.

2. **GCSE Pod – Mr Pickering**

All students have a login across all subjects. Students can log in as a new user if they cannot remember their own username and password. GCSE pod is available across all subjects and key stages but GCSE is best. Many Year 11<sup>'s</sup> are using it already.

3. **MathsWatch**

Mrs Jordan showed a presentation of MathsWatch. Parents were shown a variety of clips demonstrating how the programme will target student areas and focus them on independent learning on specific areas of their maths curriculum. Students have logins.

**Date of next meeting – Monday 18 April at 6pm**