

Parents' Forum Meeting Monday 24th November 2014

Many thanks to all those who attended.

There were several items discussed:

- 1) Academy Website (AG) Mr Gibb explained that the academy were looking to refurbish the website. He asked parents for their ideas of what they would like to see on the website and the ways in which they used it. The parents asked if there could be more up to date information including photos of recent activities (Curriculum Days, Geography fieldtrips, German trip...)
The timescale for the new website would be 4 weeks from whenever the new format was agreed. It was discussed that this could be an agenda item for the meeting.
Action: AG to forward screenshots to parents for their perusal once the new format had been agreed.
- 2) Twitter (HP) Mr Pettitt showed parents our new Twitter account. He has looked around at the feeds of other local schools and will be using the account to update parents on events, notices etc. This needs to be updated regularly with daily tweets so that parents actually use it as a point of reference.
- 3) GCSE Pod (HP) The academy has bought into GCSE Pod which is an online resource where several thousand podcasts have been pre-prepared for students to download. The students can use the podcasts to revise as they can be downloaded onto MP3 or MP4 players, tablets, phones and PCs. They have been set up to be exam board specific so the students will have access only to material and content which is relevant to the exam specs they are taking. At the moment this has been launched to KS4 only as the language and content is not particularly relevant to students lower down. It is easy to use as they have their own passwords and the students only need their dob to begin.
- 4) Life after Levels There was a brief discussion regarding the removal of NC levels and the potential methods of assessment which may result. Mrs Dickson passed around a student report which she had been given for a school in Stoke on Trent. This showed a flight path for a particular student and their progress. However, it was decided that this could an agenda item for the next meeting.

Meeting closed at 7.20pm

Date of next meeting: Monday 2nd March 2015

Agenda items for next meeting:

- ❖ Attainment 8 and Progress 8
- ❖ The new website (if complete)
- ❖ Tour of the school, including the new toilets
- ❖ Parentmail payments