



Parents' Forum Meeting Monday 24th March 2014

Many thanks to all those who attended.

There were several items discussed:

- Behaviour module on Go4Schools – Mr Gibb outlined the new G4S Behaviour module and presented a summary of the way that the information was gathered. He showed the group the way that staff can enter both negative and positive aspects of behaviour. Whilst the system was relatively new it was encouraging that over 3000 events had been recorded on the system and that over 80% of these were positive. It was explained that it was possible to produce league tables of students and staff which allows the school to track the behaviour of the students more closely to support staff and to congratulate students.

The group asked if it would be possible to show previous attainment on the reports (graphically if possible) which go home so that progress could be tracked more closely.

ACTION - RM to investigate, even if only for English and Maths.

- Curriculum update – Mr Pettitt gave a brief outline on the complicated nature of the forthcoming curriculum changes as proposed by central Government. The overarching curriculum will remain reasonably stable for the current Year 9 and Year 10. However, for those students in Year 8 and below the GCSEs which they will sit, the grading they will receive and the courses which they will study will be drastically different.
There was a discussion about the best possible ways of disseminating the information to parents. It was suggested that a series of parents' information sessions as well as printed literature would be the best way. However, the school will wait for confirmation of the exact nature of all of the changes and will await Government rubric regarding advice and published materials before moving forward.
- Parentview – It is imperative that we have as many responses to Parentview as possible. All of the parents at the meeting were encouraged to log in and answer the short Ofsted questionnaire about the school as we did not have sufficient responses for our results to be seen. [The minimum threshold has subsequently been reached.] The link has been placed onto the school website to make it as easy as possible for parents, a flyer has been circulated to all parents at the recent parents' evening and it will be included in the forthcoming newsletter.

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- The possibility of a shared Ormiston Academy ski trip was raised as we currently have too few students to justify running a trip of our own.

ACTION – Principal to investigate viability with other Ormiston Academies.

- Social media – Should the academy have a Facebook page and a twitter account? Other schools have them as do some of our feeder Primaries – item for discussion at the next meeting.

Meeting closed at 7.35pm

Date of next meeting: Monday 9th June 2014