

Parent Forum Meeting Minutes

21/2/2017

Present: Sharon Lambert, Katarzyna Jankouska, Karen Owen, Debbie Lane, Richard Irvine, Karen Lewington, Penny Stowell, Jacqui Whiteman (DHT), Tracey Amos (HT), Gill May (Chair).

Year 7 LBacc progress reports

We were given handouts explaining each area of learning in the LBacc and the criteria necessary for the children to attain the different levels e.g. emerging, embedded. Everyone felt that this document clarified what staff were looking for from the children, in each area, and it was agreed to put this document on the school website for all parents to refer to. A discussion took place about the need for different colours to be used for each column on the graph for ease of viewing however, this is not possible because of the computer program not allowing it. It was agreed between parents and staff that effort grades should be included on the report in future and that the word literate would be changed to English.

Year 8 curriculum organisation

Jacqui Whiteman (DHT) showed the parents where to find the year 8 curriculum, set up on the school website in 'Learning', and then 'Curriculum 2016-2017'. The parents were reassured that the children were taught all subjects in year 8, between September and February, in a GCSE type approach, as the children would be choosing their options in February and so would be able to make an informed choice. French or Spanish, would be chosen at the end of year 7.

Funding formula

Staff were asked if there was anything the parents could do to support the school with regard to the funding changes and they asked that we may write to our MPs about the drop in funding.

Communication for parent forum

If you have anything you wish to discuss at future parent forum meetings, please can you email them using the parent forum email address as given on the school website; qtsparentforum@gmail.com, where the chair (Gill May) will pick them up.

Items for the next meeting

Could homework be more coordinated between staff to ensure that children are not overloaded one week and have nothing to do the next?

Could homework be lessened in the run up to exams, both mock and real, to ensure the children have time to revise?

Are the more able children being extended with homework, as very often more able children are telling their parents they have no homework as they have already finished it in class time?

Meeting finished 8.15pm

Next meeting on Tuesday 13th June 2017 at the new time of 6.00pm