

Parents' Forum Minutes 11.7.19

The college is changing and has grown rapidly over the last 18 months. A large number of in-year admissions as families want to send children to CVC. This year we are full, next year we are oversubscribed. The demographic is also changing. In Year 7 we are now oversubscribed and we have increases in the % of pupils with additional educational needs. We are also attracting pupils who are in the top 25% of pupil attainment nationally.

We have looked at the structures to reflect this change.

The senior leadership team is reduced so that we can invest in the middle leadership team. Two associate SLT members are attached to the senior leadership team to strength the team in terms of transition and CPD/professional development.

The pastoral team will be led by Mr. Nash, supported by 2 Key Stage Progress Leaders. They will reduce barriers to learning, attendance and track academic progress across the year. They will be in lessons weekly supporting this. They are supported by 5 non-teaching staff – year co-ordinators. They will be dealing with operational behavioural issues and liaising directly with parents. Each year group will have an individual contact. We have also put in a coordinator for the SHINE programme. Feedback this year has been positive and we want to continue this momentum. We also have a coordinator for SRE.

In terms of SEND, we have a director of inclusion supported by an Acting SENCO, an assistant SENCO, a child protection and welfare officer and attendance assistant and a teaching assistant team.

We are strengthening our pastoral provision with two Hubs (one at KS3 and one at KS4). This will be supplemented by a nurture and development space. This will support pupils with emotional, social and mental health. We have trained mental health champions and MACK to support individuals with coaching and mentoring around risk-taking behaviours (e.g. pressures of social media pressure).

Interventions have also been set up in terms of literacy catch up with their English lessons. We are also using French and Spanish native speakers will be able to access languages through conversational language classes.

A need for coordination of where we are working with the wider pastoral curriculum and more information about the wider curriculum and how it works.

Action to consider: Perhaps there is a need for some workshops to help share ideas about how to support pupils.

Friends of CVC

The feedback from the pupils about what the pupils have requested was shared.

Sean Blandford is going to lead the Friends group. He will send parentmails to invite all parents to attend a meeting in September. We have already raised £50-60,000 to improve science equipment e.g. microscopes.

Our new business manager is putting in lots of bids to improve CVC.

Questions and comments

Why are some forms on paper and some are electronic?

Can parents access the total number of points and why they are getting them?

Effective ways of communicating positive news to parents need to be doing it.

Parent App is launched but there has not been an opportunity to feedback. **Action:** HC will follow up on this

We are streamlining the way we communicate with parents so that we can make communication better in the long-term.

Can we communicate the list of parents' evening so parents know what the order is?

The parents evening is better in the VI form.

Parent Forum for 19-20

One parent forum a term is about right. An agenda and then discussion.

Could you click 'parentview' to complete an Ofsted questionnaire?

A theme for a forum that parents have chosen would be a good idea. **Action:** HC to send invite out before each Parent Forum

Show my Homework

We have gathered feedback from pupils and parents on this.

Homework – the task setting needs to be better.

The planner has been changed to be a diary.

Testing – can we have clearer view of what they need to revise for a test?

Primary Week – lunch queue is a problem with the amount of pupils going into lunch at one time. HC to investigate.

Parish Council Clerk –Action: Helen Cassady to email.