

Parent Voice minutes - from 2nd March 2022

GDA Gareth Davies - Headteacher

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Item	Discussion	Action
Above & Beyond	<p>Swimming Classes Offered to a select number of students at the moment. Open to offering to a wider number - but this would have a cost attached.</p> <p>Club offers - We are trying to get clubs back up and running again. Issues with staff running clubs - GCSEs External companies Curriculum offer to be varied Open to ideas from parents</p> <p>Can a debate club be added? Working with Ryefield to get this set up.</p>	COH to speak to CFA about organising swimming for KS3
School Meals	<p>At the end of the contract with Cucina.</p> <p>GDA - We are looking for a new catering company as a school. Health/sustainability are important Joint process with Vyners Students to be involved in the process</p>	
LRC - Availability to students	<p>MAU was absent - so the LRC was closed to students. GDA - We did try to get agency staff Priority was covering lessons and the school open and running. Vulnerable students use the LRC - need to get the staffing right. Need an alternative for the LRC Manager</p>	
Communication with home	<p>Year group communication (Y9) Can an overview of the year be given earlier in the year so parents understand the process? No information on the website</p> <p>Options Evening - GDA commented that parents/students would receive more thorough information - overhaul led to a delay</p> <p>Website - about to relaunch the website</p>	

	<p>Speaking to students to learn why they chose certain options</p> <p>Trips - Appreciates it is tricky with timings and the balance of getting the timings right for payments/information/making an informed decision.</p> <p>Science/Triple - GDA to get out more information this week about the difference in the GCSEs courses. If a student does not do Triple Science at GCSE this does not affect future student pathways. Potential for Triple to increase - but looking at staffing for this</p> <p>Ms Horton success at Sixth Form - bringing down to the lower school KS4 options</p> <p>Assessment Data GDA - Ms Horton is updating the assessment calendar and is keen to improve this for students/staff to have maximum impact on student progress.</p> <p>The assessment calendar will be reviewed this academic year.</p> <p>KS3 assessment is a focus of the school - looking to improve this across the school.</p>	
<p>Assessment Calendar & Information</p>	<p>Assessment Weeks Inconsistency with timings of the assessments across the subjects.</p> <p>Could students receive a timetable ahead of the week?</p> <p>How do students know what they are being assessed on?</p> <p>GDA - This needs to be investigated. Students should have been told in advance what to expect on the assessment. They should not have been given content not previously covered.</p> <p>Will speak to maths about the structure of the assessments in Y7 and 8.</p> <p>Question surrounding the use of averages in the cohort on tracking data - unless it is explained by the teacher, the score is not clear. GDA to speak to Maths for clarification, but stressed that Maths results are consistent year on year and GDA has faith in the department.</p>	<p>Year 10 have had a revision resource booklet shared - this was shared again via GDA letter</p>

	<p>Exam timetables - this will be improved next academic year.</p> <p>GDA wanted to avoid using the hall for KS3 exams for a number of reasons. But agreed to review this for next academic year.</p> <p>Should homework be given during assessment week? It is increasing student stress. GDA - students should be given longer than a week to complete homework.</p> <p>Revision guide for parents in Y10? GDA - Yr 11 get the 'Making the Grade' booklet, will look to bring this into Year 10 to support students at this stage.</p>	
AOB	<p>Gender Equality and Sexual Harrassment - what is the school doing? GDA - questionnaire has gone out to all students and we are working through the feedback. Safeguarding working party with students Issue with language the boys use. GDA/MCO delivering assemblies on this Y11 students involved in creating resources JBR leading on creating a tutorial programme The school wants to encourage reporting, so we can tackle the issue Using safer schools officer for advice External speakers and organisations to offer training RSE policy is being updated and will be published once the updates have been approved.</p> <p>Playground - student limits GDA - There are clear areas for students on the outside areas with staff on duty monitoring behaviour. We would like more clubs running - but staffing is an issue We would like more girls playing sports at break/lunch times.</p> <p>Quality of relationships between students and home - parent feels the school does not seek to understand/listen to issues. Could there be an evaluation process with communication?</p> <p>Behaviour standards - Y9 science practicals GDA - Will look into this</p> <p>Are there any borough courses offered for parenting teenagers? GDA - The school can guide parents towards relevant organisations.</p>	

	Brilliant Parents - course available for parents	
Next meeting	Wednesday 8th June Meeting to be in person	