## Parent Voice minutes - 7th June 2022 at 6pm

## Room C101

GDA Gareth Davies - Headteacher COH Ceri Ohana - Assistant Headteacher JBR Jo Brown - Head of Cultural Studies

Item	Discussion	Action
Last meeting actions		
Homework	Homework in the holidays: Can homework in the holidays be thought through so that it does not become too much for students? Students need a break over the holidays - what would happen if parents had a holiday booked? Not against homework at all - but can it be thought through so it isn't too much (for example reading)?	CL Meeting: Discuss sharing resources with students (can this be done on a shared drive)
	General Homework: There is too much art homework.	
	Issue with the amount of screentime students are facing - students are playing games at the same time as doing work on Google Classroom.	
	Could there be more handwritten homework to help students prepare for the exams?	
	Could announcements be used on ClassCharts to encourage more parents to complete the homework survey?	
	Parents gave feedback that they rarely see marked homework.	
	Could homework be planning/drafting work?	
	Parents want to help with homework at home - but are not sure how to. They would also like to see evidence of assessments (they are not always in favour of assessment books/folders, as they never see them).	
	Very positive about communication with teachers when they have specific concerns or questions - named the English department as being very clear and detailed with feedback when emailed. Sixth Form homework: can referrals be done for low effort as well as not completing homework?	

How is the effort of homework decided? It seems to be inconsistent between subjects/teachers/years. This can demotivate students.

Could lesson PowerPoints be added to Google Classroom again after lessons?

## **GDA** comments:

Holidays should be an opportunity to enrich students beyond the classroom - with activities, such as reading.

Study clubs are being used to tackle poor effort in homework at KS3.

Trying to find the balance between giving students meaningful feedback and generating extra marking for teachers.

Links to whole school work on assessments - particularly at KS3.

Having more evenings for parents in the school where students' work is out on display for parents to see (e.g Summer Arts Evening on the 13th July).

Make it clear to SF students that they can self-refer for the Study+ programme.

Please can all parents complete the homework survey. Link to the survey <u>here</u>.

## RSE Policy

JBR attended the meeting to ask for feedback on the updated RSE feedback:

- Found the policy clear and liked how the units would progress over students' time at RHS.
- Liked the inclusion of appropriate sources (such as the NHS).
- Would be helpful to have an overview of the year in September.
- JBR said more 'teenage friendly' resources would be added next year.
- The pastoral team are involved in the tutorial programme - staff are being trained on how to deliver PSHE/RSE to their tutor groups.
   Staff are gaining more and more confidence delivering the programme.
- Think the RSE programme is inclusive and does not shy away from important topics.
- Parents are keen for more information to

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	<ul> <li>keep them informed too - so they know what the right sources are.</li> <li>GDA informed parents that the organisation 'Mermaids' provided training for the HoYs.</li> <li>Parents keen for students to be taught about unhealthy relationships and rejection (taking a no well).</li> </ul>	
Communication (Termly update from HoYs)	Could a yearly overview be shared by the HoY at the start of the academic year to give parents an idea of what is coming up?  Year 13 Prom - will this be happening? Why has it	AAS to speak to the HoYs.
	not been organised centrally?	
	Relaunching FRIENDS of Ruislip High School in the next academic year - to help parents who might not be able to afford to pay for trips/resources.	
	GDA comments A really good idea - we will look to start this next year.	
	We are looking at organising an end-of-year event for Year 13.	
АОВ	Second-hand uniform - where can this be dropped off for other families?	AAS to investigate ClassCharts issue.
	ClassCharts - some of the messages are not coming through and sometimes the messages are inaccurate (direct messages).	
	Club cancellations - please ensure this is sent via ClassCharts, not email.	COH to investigate club communication
	Can information that has been shared with parents - relating to drugs or other similar issues - be discussed with students when it is sent home, so they are also made aware.	JBR to be informed
	Thank you to all of the staff who ran the residentials to DofE and the SF PGL Trip.	
	GDA made a request to the parents to fill out the Ofsted Parent View survey: <a href="https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/">https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/</a>	
Next meeting	October 2022	