

Parent Voice minutes - 13th June 2023

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Item	Discussion	Action
Last meeting actions	<p>Andrew Tate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This has been raised with all staff, who have been made aware of Tate and his ideologies - and how to handle this if he is discussed/raised by a student. Progressive masculinity workshops have taken place with Year 10 students. 	
Mental Health & Wellbeing Policy (from MCO)	<p>Discussion on the Mental Health & Wellbeing policy draft took place:</p> <p>Parents are supportive of the policy and positive feedback has been provided.</p> <p>Parents have shared positive experiences of how things have been dealt with. Parents would like the policy to be shorter - could it be streamlined?</p> <p>GDA shared about SEND and appointment of Deputy SENCO.</p> <p>Parents expressed concerns about mental health across the borough and that there are worrying waiting times for CAMHS.</p> <p>Year 7s PPP course for parents has been really positive and a Summer School is going to be offered for current Year 6.</p> <p>Results Day - teachers will be there to support students. Has changed now so there is a meeting to support the young person.</p> <p>Parents were thankful for how the school has been set up for the exams.</p>	<p>For Citizenship: Could students be encouraged to write about waiting times to CAMHS?</p> <p>GDA to feedback to staff that parents were grateful for revision sessions</p>
Subject Options - including Food Technology (Ms Lea)	<p>Discussion on Year 9 options:</p> <p>Staffing for business means we cannot have this as an option.</p> <p>There is a lot of geography and history in Year 10 next year. The options Media, Art, Drama are all really strong as well. Year 9 students will hear about</p>	<p>GDA to look at staffing of Food Tech in Year 7 - link with health and nutrition.</p> <p>AAS to tell HOYs to raise</p>

	<p>the options in the next couple of weeks - the reason for the delay in communication was the school was attempting to recruit.</p> <p>Easier to do subjects at Vyners but only at A-Level.</p> <p>Food technology discussion:</p> <p>Food Tech in Year 7 has been quite basic - making smoothies, hasn't learned any new skills. Missed opportunity to teach them new skills.</p>	money on cards.
PPEs, feedback of results and timing of parents' evening (Ms Moore)	<p>Why has there been such a delay giving the Year 10s their PPE results?</p> <p>There were issues with QA - reporting is still an issue that we are looking at improving. Year 10 TPG are based on PPE - PPE are very early in the two year course.</p>	
New uniform rule on fake tan (Ms Moore)	<p>Not disagreeing with it but is this encouraging students to use sunbeds?</p> <p>We are not aware of this but something the school will consider.</p> <p>The building is really hot so uniform rules have been relaxed. Parents are supportive of this.</p> <p>Issue of PE kits was discussed, but AAS explained why we don't allow PE kits to be worn to school and how the material is actually hotter than the summer uniform.</p>	<p>Sun Cream - not allowed to wear hats in lessons etc..</p> <p>AAS to speak to PE about these rules</p>
Revision sessions for GCSEs (Ms Moore)	<p>Thank you - parents were very supportive of the efforts the school had gone to regarding exams and particularly half term revision.</p> <p>Comment was made about how loud citizenship revision was - very intense when a child just wanted to revise quietly. This is a point the school will consider going forward.</p>	
Above & Beyond (Ms Moore)	<p><i>Communication - we are needing to look at this -</i></p> <p><i>Badminton - why was this on the summer term when the hall is out of action?</i></p> <p><i>Morning clubs - cricket clubs - can we have digital signage - what is on and what is not happening - when?</i></p>	Possibility of having digital signage regarding what is going on each evening.
Book Exchange (Ms Barbet)	<p>Positive feedback about the books and MAU in general - so good very positive feedback.</p>	GDA to feedback to Ms

	<i>Parents love the LRC clubs and very excited at the idea of a book vending machine.</i>	Austen and other staff.
Volume of Homework (Ms Barbet)	<p><i>Parent concern about the volume of maths homework</i></p> <p>Maths working out issue - parent of a child frustrated that they get detentions for not showing workings.</p> <p>GDA explained how this is preparing them for the demands of the examinations to come but will raise this with Mr Ladhani.</p> <p>Parents also were keen to point out that they felt homework had improved compared to older siblings - a real sense that the school has listened.</p>	
AOB	Planners - they are now obsolete.	
Next meeting	November 2023	