

PARENT FORUM 23 09 22

Welcome!

Led by Deputy Head this morning.

Specific questions relating to your child should be directed to the year team.

New school Mission launched this year and the Cardinal Pole 8. Making school expectations clearer for students, all students should have clarity on how they behave. Ready to Learn/One Voice/Work Hard. They learn these expectations i.e. reading books/planners and pencil cases out on desks/students speak when invited/Work in silence and raise hand when asking for help.

Behaviour judged very strong in our recent Ofsted inspection. Want to embed these expectations completely for all students, using a common language and a common set of expectations. Year 7 have been superb so far this term and have had a very positive attitude towards secondary school life.

Initial dinner money issue for some with ParentPay have now been resolved. Procedure should be that all students see their year team to resolve issues but all students will always have access to food. There is an overdraft facility available any temporary issues, using a token system which can be obtained from reception.

Are trainers allowed in school and is there a specific PE bag? There is no specific PE bag, the PE kit is being updated shortly, with consideration being given to parental finances. Trainers are not permitted to be worn in school except during PE lessons and in the playground during break and lunch if students so wish.

How do you become a school Governor? We currently have one vacancy and a letter will be sent out shortly on how to apply if you are interested.

School Fund is it compulsory? Contributions to the school fund are not compulsory but can be made on ParentPay and are gratefully received.

Student leadership – What are the Year 13 responsibilities? Does it affect their studies? The leadership does not involve them coming out of class but they do have duties during lunch and break time to carry out. Prefect duties can be added onto UCAS applications and it does involve commitment of their own time.

Open Evening feedback: Very positive parent numbers, in line with last year or slightly higher. The input from the student helpers were outstanding. A Our commitment to look after our young people was expressed by them as a stand out moment. Parent expressed how much their child had enjoyed helping at Open Evening last night.

Year 11 France Trip: What is in place to use as trip payment system if parents don't use ParentPay because their child is packed lunches? ParentPay is used for all things, not just school lunches, it is used for trip payments and school equipment etc.

Is there a need for second hand uniform? Yes please, we would gratefully receive any washed spare uniform, please send in.

The BBC are visiting today for Years 7, 8 9 & 10 conducting a story telling event organised by the careers team.

Is it possible to swap from French to Spanish for year 7? The year team will review this, but may mean a change in form group.

There is a list of homework clubs on the school website.

Thank you.



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