

Present:

Staff		Parent	Child(ren) in Year
Jon Lawson (JL)	Deputy Principal	Kelly Castelete	7 & 9
Sue Johnson (SJ)	Administrator	Stacey Hill	9
		Rosetta Tickner	13
		Clare Wills	
Andy Burton (ABU)	Principal	Angela Nobre	9
		Sandra Summerfield	

JL welcomed a new member and bid farewell to Rosetta Tickner, the longest standing member of the Forum. An article will be published in the end of term Newsletter to thank Rosetta for her very loyal support in the interests of pupils and parents.

1 Matters Arising

- **On line payments:** Parents of Year 9 pupils have been using the system for the last few weeks. After sorting out a few initial problems, Years 7, 8, 10 and 12 have now been provided with registration details. SJ explained that only one parent can register a sQuid account with a second parent being able to top up the account using a bank transfer or by using PayPoint. sQuid will provide the necessary sort code, account number and reference number for parents wishing to pay this way. It was felt that there needs to be more clarity. SJ to enquire again.
- **Rewards:** Mr Van Lier is working hard on developing the Rewards system.
- **AAC:** Greenwood Dale recognises that the AAC is not legally compliant and is currently working on changing its structure.
- **Publicising Parent Flyer:** Fliers were distributed to Forum members who have distributed them to friends and other parents.

2 Effectiveness of Parent Forum over the last academic year

JL thanked the members for their input and support over the past year and discussed the issues where the Forum has been very effective:

- Staying Safe Online Presentation – a very informative evening
- An improvement in communication between the Academy and parents
- The Newsletter and website being more informative
- Staff email addresses have been made available
- Sixth Form lanyards – improved to use as proof of age and student status
- Online payments – eventually up and running
- PSHE – as requested will be taught during the 30 minute Form time
- Online booking for Parent Evenings
- Reward system
- Uniform rules

3 Any other business

Year Groups: JL explained the changes to the Year Groups for the next academic year, which will create two broadly mixed half year groups, within which Heads of Faculties are able to set students or create mixed ability teaching groups. This will make it easier to move pupils half year groups where needed. In the future, the most likely scenario is that KS3 will reduce to

Years 7 and 8, with GCSE work starting in Year 9. It is intended for Option choices to be made in Year 8. Pupils will remain in half year groups for Core subjects with mixed ability groups in Option subjects. The current Year 10 will remain unchanged. It was felt that pupils may worry about lesson disruption using this system, however, the Academy has a zero tolerance on poor behaviour, with pupils being excluded if necessary.

Mr Burton arrived.

Tour of the Academy: JL gave the Forum members a short tour of the Academy. This proved productive as the members could appreciate the benefits of the changes to the Dance Studio, Atrium and Mezzanine areas.

Suggestions for Agenda items for next year: The following issues were suggested:

- Extra-curricular activities
- Sixth Form
- Road safety and parking outside of the Academy
- Showcasing pupils' work

Date and time of the next meeting

The date of the next meeting will be announced in September 2016. The first issue to be discussed as the main Agenda item will be Extra-curricular activities.