



Parent Forum

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Minutes from the Parent Forum

The theme for this year is leadership.

From the academic angle we are looking at the philosophy of leadership, from the pastoral angle we are focussing on oneself and others and from the Catholic Ethos we will look at Catholic teaching and saints.

- Oracy literacy is a 3 year program. We will be interested in the impact reported for students when we reflect the successes of this program.
- Diversity and Equity. We are promoting white ribbon day. We achieved the bronze charter in terms of equality mark
- Preparing for a catholic school inspection. We are due one soon. If schools don't give 10% of your curriculum time to RE they do not achieve an outstanding.
- Challoner Challenge. We are helping develop some software for this. We are the launch school. We are very pleased with it. It means we can track our more vulnerable groups and intervene if they are missing out.
- Bromcom. We have put in a complaint and are in continuous meetings with them to try and get it to meet our needs better.

In terms of catholic ethos-

Our retreats are back up and running.

The chaplain is developing the chaplaincy team as the new guidance should be more student led.

We are looking at having some extra-ordinary ministers

Finance

Finance issues are still an issue but improvement has been seen.

The PTA money is separate. The money can be spent on items such as mini busses.

The commercial revenue comes in to the budget. We raise about £250K a year through lettings.

The Catholic Education Trust.

The trust will carry on and develop but Challoner will not be joining for at least 2 years. SM will not be applying for the position of CEO.

We are following the framework for exceptional education. It is about going beyond outstanding. We are using their audit tool to see where we are and where are going. How do we drive the school forward.



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Pupil progress and outcomes

Our number of FSM pupils are below average for this area.

The number of EHCP and EAL students are well above average.

Absence was in the lowest 20% of all schools.

Our EBACC results are in the highest 20% across the country.

We are redesigning quintiles to look at more motivational feedback in KS3.

There should be lots of data arriving on Bromcom soon.

Progress 8 is significantly above national average. We are in the 90th percentile

English is in top 88 percentile

Maths is in top 96th percentile.

Suspensions and permanent exclusions.

Our percentages are high for drug or alcohol offences as we suspend students even if students bring a vape in and it is found in their possession.

Students have been told they cannot wear shorts and tracksuits under their trousers as they may be hiding vapes.

AOB

Students are not allowed to use their iPads in school at lunch or breaktimes unless they are in the LRC. We only allow them to use them when they need to use them. We also monitor them at home in terms of safeguarding messages.

End of year awards. Could they award for other sports such a cricket? This will be taken in to consideration.

Could a way for parents to contact the parents on the parent forum be added to the school website?

Is there an option to have a bulletin each week. Would this lead to fewer emails?