



# Parent Forum

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Present: Helen Gonzalez, Christopher Hart, Amy Lubarda, Giles Tipler, Emma Demblon, Yolande Kurlatov, Irina Mattson, Alessia Behzadi, Colette Wong, Matthew Seward, Tony Lorenschitz

Apologies: Orla Creegan, Eoin O'Connell, Hugh Treacy, Amanda Treacy, Karen Fox and Renata Vingiliene

- In order to meet Catholic School Inspection requirements that RE should have 10% of the timetable we may move to 2 week timetable in terms of RE.
- The Catholic Education Trust. The whole trust is on hold just now.
- Pupil Progress and outcomes.

We have fewer students than the national average with lower prior attainment.

We are in line with the number of students that are national average for middle and high prior attainment.

In terms of the attainment 8 results the national average is 46.3 and Richard Challoner is 57.2 so significantly above. Our progress score is +0.7.

In terms of English Baccalaureate (EBacc) the National Average of students achieving this is 39% where as 86% of Richard Challoner student school achieve the EBacc.

- Key stage 3 progress data

We are trying to find the best way to show progress for students. We have tried hard not to find a punitive measure of progress. Liaising with psychologists we found that it is very important that the language should be about effort not about test results. Students are often only interested in their percentages not how to learn from their mistakes and get better so we are trying to find a clever way to show progress while motivating the students to do better and not demotivating or limiting potential through levels and meaningless percentages.

We are still using test results to see where a child sits in the year group and ensuring they are meeting their own expectations of progress.

It important that they know what they have done wrong and how to improve at this age rather than test results and percentages.

Parents are notified if students are to move sets. Mr Webber communicates through a letter to the parents.

- Bromcom: We feel as a school more settled with Bromcom. The parents agreed. Glitches around the payments on Bromcom and explaining absences are not always received. Parents asked could we add a message saying we have received their message and it is noted. The parents like the one stop shop of Bromcom.



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We have changed the telephone procedure this year. Do the parents like the automated phone replies? The parents said they had no concerns. The office is very efficient and lovely when they leave a message.

- Academic review meetings. The new timings are very popular. They loved the booking system and less time queueing. Some parents would like more gaps between meetings. Maybe a timer counting down on the stage?
- Finance is going to be incredibly tight again this year, as a lot is not known about funding, but we should be fine. A few longer serving members of staff are retiring etc this year which should save some money.
- Support and extra classes are generally for targeted students but we always prioritise Quality First Teaching. The year 11 students will go on to the revision timetable where they will have targeted contact with subject specialists around exam time.
- The cost of food was discussed. We have changed our supplier for food to be more cost effective but the prices have increased. The Catering deficit has reduced significantly.

Next meeting is 18<sup>th</sup> June 2024 at 7.00pm.