Richard Challoner School

Parent Forum

20th June 2017



Present: CD SS AA EH CM MC EH AO JM KF SM AS

Apologies: HM

1 Action Points/Matters Arising from Minutes of Meeting 14/03/17

- The PSHE schedule was on the school website but has now been moved to the curriculum area.
- Mr Maher has requested staff set homework more consistent to all abilities when necessary.
- Most boys in the school have now had sessions on revision techniques in preparation for exams.
- Homework is not being set at unreasonable times.

2 Points raised by Parents

- The new Sixth Form intake can only take three A' level subjects. To start with, four were not manageable on the timetable; however, the students will be allowed up to half term to change subjects. All boys and their families are strongly encouraged to seek their teacher's advice when choosing A' levels.
- The colours on Progresso will be changing and clarification will be sent out.

Finance

- SM has met with Mr Davey, who said schools are his number one priority.
- SM asked parents to maintain raised awareness on the issue of the lack of school funding in schools.
- Money is tight, but the school is managing.
- SLT is being reduced by three members.
- Staff who are leaving are not necessarily being replaced.
- All trips should go ahead as usual.
- Comedy night raised just under £3000.
- Due to the increased cost of food, lunch prices may have to be increased slightly. At the moment the kitchen is running at a £10,000 loss.
- Games and IT contributions may have to be increased due to increase of costs

3 Good and bad comments/ Progresso or Diary

• SM explained the staff were polarised on whether they liked Progresso or wanted to go back to the diary system for good and bad comments. A discussion was had about this and which one was felt to be more assessable for parents. Parents were very keen to preserve the information presented on Progresso.

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4 Any Other Business

- Years 7, 8, and 9 to have evenings explaining assessment without levels.
- Currently Year 7 and Year 8 have seven groups.
- Setting in Year 7 is two set 1s, set 2s, and set 3s with two transition groups.
- Setting changes happened using the end year exam and teacher levels over consultation with Mr O'Brien and the Year Leader. It is usually done at the end of the year, except in Maths and Science. Maths and Science are blocked and therefore set themselves.
- All departments have been asked to ensure letters or phone calls are made to inform the parents of any set changes.
- Boys will get their new timetables on the first day of term.
- Alumni is going well. We have had a couple of small events. We are planning to postpone the dinner until the Autumn.

Date of Next Meeting TBA 6.30pm