Richard Challoner School

Parent Forum

14th March 2017



MINUTES

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

Apologies: JM

Action Points/Matters Arising from Minutes of Meeting 08/11/16

- The dates for inset days and mornings are now on the school website.
- Planned trips and cost over the years are now also clearly on the school website.
- The buddy system for Year 7's, with the Year 10 bronze Duke of Edinburgh boys, has been started but we are going to look at timing, as the Year 10's are turning up but not the Year 7's.
- Letters/emails home are being checked by SLT to monitor the number of letters and ensure headings are clear.

KS3 Assessment Without Levels

SM explained the school's plans for moving forward with this assessment.

Funding Update

The school is hoping to present a balanced budget next year. However, the next three years look increasingly worrying and there will inevitably be an impact on staffing, class sizes and curriculum offer.

Holiday and Planning Days Proposal

It has been proposed:

- two extra holiday days on the autumn term
- a two week Christmas break
- a seven week summer holiday
- five extra planning days spread throughout the year

Where there are child care concerns, the LRC will remain open and sports camps will be offered for a small fee.

This proposal was discussed.

Draft School Development Plan

SM explained that to support the new GCSE's we are going to start GCSE work in the summer term of Year 9 and moving from KS3 to KS4 then.

Points Raised by Parents

- The issue of summer babies and raising awareness of these students was voiced.
- Putting PSHE on the school website. It turns out this is in the student section, but will be moved to the curriculum section as soon as possible.
- The school was asked to set homework more consistent to all abilities.
- It was requested that we remind the boys of revision techniques in preparation for exams.

Any other business: None

Date of Next Meeting: 20th June 2017 - 6.30pm