



MINUTES

- **Home/School Communication:**

- Drop down menu – communication flow chart. FAO: ?
- Sometimes not relevant – title of emails – more thought needs to be given on occasion.
- Progresso useful – all information in one place.
- Expected level – where student is in relation to where he should be.
- Hand written note from Tutor – personal element.
- Feedback from assessment
- Homework sometimes given very late or close to deadline.

- **Homework**

Positive

- SMH – students manage themselves well.
- Volume is variable.
- Homework Club and LRC a big positive.
- Diverse range of tasks.
- Good balance of progression.
- Good support, especially in Maths.
- Support and intervention during Year 11 exam a big positive.
- Teachers give so much – above and beyond.

Negative

- Consistently no feedback in one particular book in Year 7 – parents advised that they should always phone and ask if they have questions or concerns.
- Perhaps overloaded at the start of Year 7.
- Promoting the homework schedule.
- Sometimes overnight homework can be very demanding.

- **iPads**

Positive

- Quality revision material.
- Generally happy – access to textbooks.
- Revolutionising the way subjects are teaching.
- MFL speaking tasks.
- Balance of book and iPad.
- Differing tools for learning.
- Creates independence and encourages students to take responsibility.



Negative

- Cannot touch type – **IDEA:** Touch type – read and spell – lessons after school – course?
- How to back up when iPad freezes?
- Not across the school
- Migraine – screen time
- iMessage taken off iPads

• Opportunities

- Key strengths – House activities
- No future work experience – there are benefits to students
- Sport outside the 'big' sports – limited opportunities

• Support

- LRC and resources
- Availability of teachers and open door
- Newman
- Dealing with bullying
- Transition to Year 7
- Mentoring

• Well-Being

- Teachers – relationships excellent
- Empathy for students
- Parent workshops were very positive (though slides need to be put on website)
- Pressures of social media
- More freedom
- Role play to engage with world
- Building emotional resilience – 'Mindfulness'

• Date of Next Meeting

- **Tuesday 8th November 2016 – 6.30 to 8.30pm**