



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARENT FORUM

Meeting Title	Parent Forum
Date	23rd March 2022
Attendees	Present Staff -Sean Maher, Ailish Southall, Parents Christopher Hart, Matthew Steward, Collette Wong Feng Yee, Cloda Jenkins, Eoin O'Connell, Amanda Treacy, John Trend, Yolande Kurlatov, Cathy Moore, Aileen Almond.

		Action
1	<p>Progress and outcomes</p> <p>Closing the academic gap</p> <p>We have found no alarming gaps yet from the months of working at home during COVID. The government is funding closing the gap work. For this smaller group work has started in Maths and English during the school day or after school depending on the year group. This will generally run over 4 to 6 weeks concentrating on students that are from what the government terms as 'vulnerable groups' such as pupil premium, LAC and EAL.</p> <p>Year 11 mock results were better than expected and we are pleased to hear that the government have said they will be generous around grade boundaries. They have also removed some topics on various GCSEs but this has come very late for it to make a difference to the topics that have been taught.</p> <p>We are taking particular care with year 13 this year as they didn't get the chance to do GCSEs and with that comes mixed anxieties.</p> <p>With COVID in mind, Year 7, 8 and 9 will re-visit topics that were taught while at home.</p> <p>KS3 Quintiles.</p> <p>Each year group's results have been split into fifths.</p> <p>In a leading-edge meeting it was suggested the quintiles may not follow our usually way of developing and monitor progress. We will do the quintiles for this year, look at outcomes and reflect on whether this is something we feel is in the best interests of the children to continue with.</p>	
2	<p>School uniform</p> <p>There is a new law which aims to make school uniform affordable for all. Discussions have taken place through the Governing Body. Richard Challoner's uniform comes about middle of the range for everything that needs to be bought in comparison for all Kingston schools including the rugby and games kit.</p> <p>We will make it very clear which items are optional and which are mandatory for all parents. There are lots of excellent quality second-hand uniform for sale through the office or PTA.</p>	



3	<p>Inclusivity and diversity</p> <p>An Inclusivity and Diversity lead has been appointed, who is working closely with the student and staff body looking at unintended bias in school systems.</p> <p>We are mapping the curriculum in terms of inclusivity.</p> <p>Environmental Strategy</p> <p>We are replacing lighting around school to make it more environmentally friendly.</p> <p>The Environmental Ambassadors from the student body meet half termly to discuss recycling and environmental action days.</p> <p>The heating bill has increased by £28000. It was very expensive keeping windows open balancing COVID safety measure with trying to keep people warm.</p>	
4	<p>AOB and requests from parents.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oracy and literacy is encouraging students to use appropriate academic terminology. • The year book is fantastic • Could the timescale for EPQs and coursework be made more obvious for parents? • Could sporting groups be more inclusive. Perhaps for all students to be actively encouraged to attend training, not just those with in the teams • To keep in mind that sports captain should not be just about the team but to reflect the value of inclusivity. • Could we make it clearer which parts of the uniform are mandatory? • The year 11 awards evening will be rescheduled. • Thank you for the new basketball hoops. • Year 11 mock results will go out soon. • Music and art are very inclusive. • Parents discussed the year 13 prom. 	
	<p>Date of meeting – 15th June 2022</p>	