



Tudor Grange Academy Redditch

**Notes of the 'Parent/Carer Forum'  
17<sup>th</sup> March 2016**

**Present:**

<b>Parent/Carer</b>
Elaine Ralph
Sarah Williams
Tina Green
Dawn Poole
Anita Stronach
Simon Coleman
Tracey Drysdale
Michelle Taylor
R Rees Principal TGAR
Fiona Bates
Apols: J Long Associate Principal, Eva Shipway, Lesley Dyke, Richard Armond, Kim Bushell

**1. Matters arising not on agenda**

All confirmed that they had received the notes from the previous meeting.

SCN wanted confirmation that the mystery shopper had undertaken the work regarding phones. RRS confirmed that this had been completed and changes to ring tones and phone numbers had been initiated.

Sixth Form numbers 2016.17. We have 92 first applications and still have students completing applications.

For year 7 we have twenty five possible admissions and seventy-nine year 9s. Mrs Bates asked for confirmation that TGAR will continue to accept year 9 admissions. RRS confirmed that this was the case and that the choice of either year 7 or year 9 transition will remain for parents and students.

Mrs Bates asked for clarification regarding the Walkwood admissions policy. RRS confirmed that students from local middle schools which included Walkwood and future primary schools would be given priority in the TGAR admissions criterion.

Beauty and the Beast - all congratulated the staff and students on a brilliant highly professional performance.

Notes of meeting accepted as an accurate record of the meeting.

**2. Revision sessions**

Concerns were raised that Mrs Dunn's revision sessions had not occurred. RRS explained that Mrs Dunn had been hospitalised.

Concern was also raised that students had arrived for science As & A2 revision on a few occasions only to find that session had been cancelled without notice.

RRS agreed that students should be informed and will raise this with staff.

### **3. Homework**

Parents raised concerns that homework was still not in line with the plans on the website. RRS confirmed that the homework scrutiny was almost complete and that a write up will be in the parent email next week.

Concern was raised that the survey monkey link did not always work. RRS will report this to the staff.

### **4. Year 10 mocks**

The revision timetable is on the website. Some confusion was raised as Year 11 exams for Art are also on the timetable and this is not always clear. RRS confirmed that she would raise this with the exams officer and have this rectified.

RRS confirmed that year 10 should have revision/packs/information to help to focus them.

### **5. Year 11 final push**

RRS confirmed that the event should be attended by parents/carers and students to ensure that all are hearing the same messages.

RRS confirmed that information packs will be issued on the night and that some subjects such as maths are using the data base established this year to provide topic based personalised packs for students.

### **6. School bus service**

All confirmed that the new service was much better and hoped that the new tender would ensure the current service continued.

SCN asked for confirmation that exams were now being scheduled for 9.30am to accommodate possible issues with buses. RRS confirmed that this was the case.

Concern was raised about the behaviour of some parents who were being rude to bus drivers because they were unable to exit the carpark because the new coaches were larger than those previously used. Concerns were also raised that some parents were adopting unsafe practices of leaving the site the wrong way.

RRs agreed to address this with all parents.

### **AOB: Sixth Form Dance**

RRS confirmed that she was clear that it was 'cocktail' dresses to avoid unnecessary expense. The venue and date were now set.

ERH raised concern that the email sent from administration made reference to the fact that she was supply and felt that this gave a poor impression. RRS confirmed that she would correct this.

EPE raised concern that on this week's recent trip that students did not have the trip leaders contact details. This may be because they had lost them or failed to put them into their phones and this was a concern. RRS agreed to address this immediately as this should never be the case.

### **7. Date of the next meeting 19<sup>th</sup> May 6:00pm**