



Tudor Grange Academy Redditch

Notes of the 'Parent/Carer Forum'

1. Present

Parent/Carer
Richard Armond
Kim Bushell
Simon Coleman
Tracy Drysdale
Tina Green
Mike James
Anita Stronach
Michelle Taylor
J Hollis
Sarah Williams
Nina Willison
Jodie Bolter (Acting Principal)
Rose Rees - Apologies
Lesley Dyke - Apologies
E Shipway- Apologies
Fiona Bates- Apologies

2. Matters arising not on agenda:

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

3. Agenda Item

Staffing Update:

JBR confirmed the staff that had or will be leaving at the end of the academic year: Rose Rees (ill Health); Mike Connolly (ill Health); Sarah Whitlock (New School), Gary Whiting (New School) and Emma Gault (New School). There were a number of staff who were also due to go on maternity leave next academic year. It was explained that these staff have not been given timetables for September but we will be over staffing their curriculum areas and they will be team teaching until they go on maternity leave. This will enable a smooth transition for when they leave and will also ensure that new teachers settle in well to departments and the school. The Head of Science role will be advertised for a January start but we have two staff moving across from Trust to add capacity to the department. These staff are the Trust Lead for Science, Chrissy Barnfield and Kevin Hall a College Leader from Worcester. The Head of History job will also be advertised for a January start but the recently appointed College Leader, Marie McNamara's specialism is History so we have additional capacity to cover these lessons.

Parent/Carer Forum next year:

JBR discussed that for next year it would be good to look at how the group was running and to have more of a working group approach. For example when we have planned building work for the Academy the group would consult on this and would give the parent feedback. The agenda items for next year would therefore look at items that the parental body could feed directly into such as new policies, decisions within the Academy etc. The group agreed that this was a good way forward.

Ideas on Parent Communication/Parent Surgeries:

JBR discussed that a few new approaches were going to be taken next year with regards to parent communication. Some of the items discussed were year group newsletters with lots of pictures and celebration; student led promotion; parent surgeries with the Principal and weekly drop in sessions with College Leaders. All of the ideas were to try to improve parent relationships and ensure there was continuous communication. The group all agreed these were positive steps forward. They suggested not calling them surgeries but to think of another name. More celebration of the DOE and trips should happen and perhaps evenings to show pictures from these events to celebrate the success. The academy could do more to celebrate the work experience success too. A suggestion was made for next year to get letters of commendation from employers for the students.

Academic Development Plan:

JBR explained that the academy development plan had been written and this would be circulated to parents at the start of the next academic year. The plan for next year would be to engage parents with this process and to see what their priorities were for the academy from a parent point of view.

A.O.B – Sixth Form

Students that missed out on the transition days would be called by Mr Capewell to ensure they had all the relevant information and to arrange 1:1 visits if needed too.

Thank you

A big thank you for those members of the Parent/Carer Forum who will no longer be with us next year. Your commitment is greatly appreciated.

4. Date of the next meeting

The date of the next meeting is Wednesday 12th October 2016 at 6pm – further details to follow in the next academic year.