

## **Notes from Parent Forum Meeting 2 – 02/12/09**

**(Please note that *Parents* is also intended to refer to *Carers*)**

### **(1) Minutes of Meeting 1**

Minutes agreed – no matters arising.

The results from the parents' questionnaires generated discussion about whether it would be interesting to compare these results with the views of the students. DAC agreed that this would be a useful comparison and that when the students next complete their version of the questionnaires that the results would be compared. DAC also acknowledged that the feedback that the questionnaires provides is important, but that it only reflects the views of the parents who completed the activity in term 1 rather than the *whole* parent group; it will only be in Term 6 when all parents have had the opportunity to complete the questionnaire that the data can be regarded as representative of the parent body as a whole (this is because parents are asked to complete a questionnaire when they come for a Progress Evening).

### **(2) Cerian Townsend – The Role of the School Nurse Explained**

Cerian Townsend gave a presentation to the Forum about the role of the Academy / School Nurse. Her slides gave an insight into the range of activity she is engaged in and the services on offer to students.

Some parents asked questions relating to the remit of the Academy / School Nurse in terms of dispensing contraceptives – it was made clear that the Academy / School Nurse operates under the same jurisdiction as a Nurse in any other Healthcare Context in terms of legislation and protocol.

More information on the role of the Academy / School Nurse is available on the website and in the interest of improving the awareness of all parents the Academy will write a letter outlining Cerian's role. This too can be found on the Academy website.

### **(3) Gareth Jennings – Extended Schools Opportunities for Students and Parents**

Gareth Jennings provided lots of information in relation to some of the current and forthcoming opportunities available to students in terms of extra curricular activity. Parents were also invited to suggest other ideas for activities that they themselves and their children might enjoy.

Some parents asked that the extensive range of activities be published in a booklet and also on the website for ease of reference. DAC will action this with Gareth.

#### **(4) Feedback Following the OfSTED Monitoring Visit**

DAC presented some of the key findings from the OfSTED monitoring visit (see slideshow).

Parents were given the opportunity to *drill down* into aspects of the report and DAC explained the main priorities for the Academy in terms of improvement.

#### **(5) Feedback on Credits and Rewards**

DAC presented key data in relation to the numbers of Credits and Behavioural Incidents logged. It is evident that there still remain inconsistencies in the way Credits are given, but this is a picture which is improving.

DAC committed to making the rationalising of how Credits are given a focus for the Academy in Term 3.

#### **(6) Feedback on Online Parents Forum**

The deferred launch of the Online Forum meant that this item was merely to communicate that the Online Forum has encountered technical difficulties but that it was now operational and ready for members to join. We will reflect upon the success and areas for development at the next Forum Meeting.

#### **(7) AOB**

Some parents raised specific questions in relation to incidents involving their children – specifically in relation to whether it is fair to punish a whole class for the poor behaviour of the few. DAC encouraged parents to approach subject teachers directly and establish the reasons for the member of staff taking this course of action.

**Meeting closed at 7.35pm**