

PARENT VOICE MEETING Tuesday 4 October 2016

ATTENDANCE: Principal (Mr Wappat), Mrs P. Taylor (Chair & Sponsor Governor), C. Fox, D. Whiley, S. Beckett, A. Rowcroft, J. Walker

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION BY CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

Mrs Taylor emphasised the importance of these termly meetings and gave examples of direct results of Parent/Carer feedback over the last two years. Mr Wappat added

- Second Hand uniform swap facility will be set up on 'Facebook' page
- Mail Chimp will be further developed

PRINCIPAL'S ACADEMY UPDATE:

Pictures were shown and commented upon:

- **Prom Breakfast**

Mr Wappat would like to further develop a culture of coming to this successful event in Prom. Outfits, as happens in other Outwood Academies.

- **Y8 graduation and Residential**

All students successfully graduated this year and the Residential was a fitting, enjoyable reward for the students.

- **Drama**

There will be a drama event open to all students before Christmas following the success of 'Little Shop of Horrors' last year. It is early in the year to avoid interference with studies.

- **Examinations**

This was a challenge in Year 2 of Outwood Academy Bydales but, thanks to the hard work and commitment of students, staff and parents/carers further progress has been made, when Year 10 and Year 11 students participated in examinations:

- 78% A* to C in Maths and English
- 87% A* to C in Maths
- 80% A* to C in English
- Attainment 8 +5.4 (5 is numerical equivalent to C)
- Progress 8 +0.26 (0 is average)
- 32.2% achieved Ebacc
- Highest results in Redcar and Cleveland for Progress 8

Other notable results for subjects and individual students were highlighted.

- **2016-2017 Priorities and Changes**

National:

- English and Maths examination results will be recorded numerically instead of using letters (9-1 replacing A* to G with new highest grade).
- Changes to the curriculum and examination requirements in all subjects.
- Literacy and Numeracy focus included in all subjects

Academy:

- Further address differences e.g. gender issues highlighted in examination results
- Employment engagement using 'Future Generation' from successful bid for government grant and matched funding

- Behaviour of students outside Academy hours. If this is affecting learning Mr Wappat will be happy to talk to parents/carers and work with police on other matters.
- OFSTED visit usually occurs in third year of conversion to Sponsor Academy.
- Youth Club and other groups continue to use the Academy facilities

OPEN FORUM FOR QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

What is happening to the Year 10 curriculum?

- This will be phased in over two years
- There will be a meeting for parents later this week.
- A carefully considered OGAT wide strategy has been agreed that 'puts students first'.
- The changes are in response to Government changes.

Food provision

- Lunches, following nationally agreed standards, are provided with time and space to eat them
- Students can choose packed lunches but must conform to rules on what is included
- 'Bacon butties' provision at break was questioned. These provide slow release energy for students who do not have breakfast or get hungry.

Academy Garden

In answer to query on how this is being used, Mr Wappat said he would welcome any suggestions for use from local people.

CLOSING REMARKS

Mr Wappat and Mrs Taylor thanked parents/carers for their attendance and input.

POST MEETING COMMENTS AND RESPONSES

Safeguarding

Mr Wappat said he would ensure the staff Safeguarding Lead would be clearly shown on the Academy website

Enrichment

Mr Wappat assured a parent that the Academy continually strived to develop their Enrichment provision.