

Parents Forum Minutes Thursday 16th June 2016

New Developments

KS4 and KS5 after school and Saturday morning revision classes continue to take place this module.

We recently achieved Stage 3 of Investors in Careers. The assessor was very complimentary of the Careers Education programme at Wilmington Academy.

We are going to make the colleges smaller by introducing a third college (Jupiter). The teaching of Years 8 to 11 will remain unaffected. Year 7 will be timetabled as completely separate colleges.

Standing Items

Attendance is currently 94.9%.

Exams – We are currently in the main period for external examinations. All Year 10 students have been given a letter with all of their deadlines for the coursework components of their GCSE & BTEC courses.

Teaching & Learning - Staff were observed by the Senior Leadership Team and Mr Beamish, The Trust Chief Executive, on Thursday 26th May.

New appointments: New MFL teacher – interview tomorrow. We will then be fully staffed for September.

Trips

We attended the RHS Chelsea Flower Show for the fourth year running. Two students, Beth Carter-Hart & Oscar Shell represented the school in the main arena on Wednesday 25th May. We were awarded a Silver Gilt Award for our produce (heritage carrots).

Year 7 will be visiting Bath & Bristol between 22nd –24th June.

Sir Charlie Mayfield will be working with our Post 16 students on 28th June.

Post 16 work experience from 4th July to 15th July.

Year 10 Product Design trip to the V & A museum on 15th July.

Project Based Learning Week takes place on the last week of term. The students are taking part in year group activities. Students in Year 10 that do not meet their coursework targets will be on site rather than going out on trips.

Student Achievements

We have won the Kent Literacy Award for the second year running for The Tri-Wizard Tournament.

A.O.B.

1. Concerns were raised about the Year 10 Triple Science exam being cancelled at short notice.
2. The Year 9 GCSE Computing course has changed to BTEC Creative Media to maximise student achievement. B Dedross to raise the concerns to Mrs Trusler.
3. Some parents are having problems with the Bring Your Own Device printer drivers. B Dedross to raise this with our IT Helpdesk.
4. Subject area part of web site – a request was made to consider setting it out alphabetically rather than by Faculty and Key Stage. B Dedross demonstrated how to access all parts of the subject information tab of the new web site.
5. Homework for attendees – To suggest a new name for the “Parent Forum” as it was felt that it may have an effect on attendance.
6. Parent forum meetings to be held on more than one evening next year. B Dedross to put the meetings on two different evenings, Tuesday and Thursday, throughout the 2016 – 2017 academic year. These will be found on the calendar tab of the web site
7. Parents wanted to know the holiday dates for 2017 – 2018 as they are trying to book holidays. B Dedross to attach these to the minutes.

B Dedross 16/06/2016

Structure of the Academy year 2017-2018

(INSET days 30 and 31 August and 1 September 2017)

Module 1

(7 weeks 35 days)

Monday 4th September 2017

Friday 20th October 2017

Module 2

(6 ½ weeks 33 days)

Monday 6th November 2017

Wednesday 20th December 2017

Module 3

(5 ½ weeks 26 days)

Thursday 4th January 2018

Thursday 8th February 2018

Module 4

(6 weeks 29 days)

Monday 19th February 2018

Thursday 29th March 2018

Module 5

(6 weeks 29 days)

Monday 16th April 2018

Friday 25th May 201

Module 6

(7 ½ weeks 37 days)

Monday 4th June 2018

Tuesday 24th July 2018

INSET days

Friday 9th February 2018

Tuesday 28th August 2018

Wednesday 29th August

2018 Thursday 30th August

2018 Friday 31st September

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