

Parent Voice Meeting

Thursday 19th January

2017



New Developments



- ❧ Vacancy for a Parent Governor. Any interested parents to email Alison Williams on:
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- ❧ New IBCP training for Post 16 teachers will take place on the two days before the Spring half-term. We have a pre-authorisation visit on Monday & Tuesday 26th & 27th January.
- ❧ Three new teachers that started this term have settled in well and are seen as effective teachers by their classes. Melanie King our new SENCO has made a great start and has got a lot of strategies up and running in a very short time.
- ❧ Exam results – GCSE re-sits: English 87% grade C+, maths 60% improved their grades. The National average is 29%.

Standing Items



- Attendance is currently 94.6%.
- We are fully staffed in all subject areas. A new Drama teacher was appointed today. We are interviewing shortly for a new Assistant Principal – we have a strong field of applicants.
- Feedback – Year 8 students attended an Options Day in Princes Park where they had the opportunity to meet and talk to employers, apprenticeship companies and universities. We have received very positive feedback from the students.
- We have been recognised by the National Literacy Trust for our achievements in raising literacy levels within the school. Our work has been sent to all UK headteachers. We are one of eleven schools chosen to take part in the national Oracy 21 programme.
- Module 4 – groundworks for the new mobiles will start.

Trips



- Sri Lanka Trip – February 2018.
- Trip to Barcelona with Longfield Academy.
- Disneyland Paris Post 16 trip 20th – 23rd February 2017
- Year 11 Horticulture trip to Hadlow College on 22nd March 2017.
- Year 7 trip to Tate Modern on 31st January 2017.
- Post 16 Trip to London Art Galleries on 30th January 2017.
- Post 16 Citizenship trip to North Kent Police Station on 1st February 2017.

Trips



- Kent Schools Trampoline Championship at Dartford Grammar School for Girls on 1st February 2017.
- Year 7 English HAP 'Other Cultures' trip to Comptoir Libanaise Restaurant at Bluewater on 8th February 2017.
- Year 10 Horticulture trip to Hadlow College on 8th March 2017.
- Year 9 Horticulture trip to Hadlow College on 9th March 2017.
- Year 7 Trip Canterbury to visit The Canterbury Tales Experience on 15th March 2017.
- Year 11 to see Macbeth with the Young Shakespeare Company on 20th March 2017.

Student Achievements



- ❧ All Year 11 students have mentors who meet with them regularly to check on their progress. All Year 11 students have had a 1:1 interview with Lesley Tannock, an independent Careers Specialist.
- ❧ Mr Gore has set up a Reach For The Stars programme for Year 11 students to develop their enquiry based learning skills which are necessary for the new GCSE courses.
- ❧ Post 16 Parents Evening on Thursday 26th January. Year 11 Parents invited to discuss Post 16 options.

A.O.B.



Wilmington Safer Streets – lorry weight limit & a 20mph speed limit to be introduced. New laminated progress cards have been issued to all students showing student achievement levels in all subjects.

Parental request for WA to insist on the wearing cycle helmets (and lights). BDE to ask Heads of College to raise this in their assemblies but feels that this is a parental responsibility.

Tate Modern trip was filled very quickly. BDE to investigate to see if another trip is possible.

Concerns raised about “Designer coats” being worn to school. BDE to ensure that staff on duty monitor that students are wearing plain coats. However, it is not easy to buy coats without any branding.

Parents want students to be expected to bring their BYOD to school. BDE to ask Heads of College to raise this in assemblies and at the next staff briefing.

A number of parents raised individual points at the end of the meeting – BDE to follow up each of the 9 points.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 7th March 2017