

Parental Forum

Notes of the meeting held on Tuesday 31st January 2017

1. Feedback from the previous meeting

a) Parent-school communication

Following concerns about clubs being cancelled and parents not being informed, Mr Major has established a new system. Parents will be informed by text if the match or club is cancelled. All the clubs, teams or squads have been set up on our text system and student names will be updated every half term.

b) E-safety

Following a few e-safety concerns, there was an e-safety meeting planned for parents. The speaker had to cancel due to personal reasons and the evening will be rescheduled soon – date to follow.

c) The Bee Hive queue length

Concerns were raised about the time it takes for students to get a lunch. Year 7 will always go in 5 minutes earlier than everyone and a new till has been bought to ease the queues. All Year 7, 8 & 9 students get through by 1.15pm.

2. Developing a positive culture

Mr Major highlighted the Race for Life event in March and that it is a great community event. There was a discussion about how to develop the Tomlinscote community spirit.

- Creating more emphasis upon the 'carrot' and praising students rather than the 'stick'.
- Continue with events like Rag Week and the Year 11 Charity Fair.
- Possibly create a "freshers' week" style of event where clubs are highlighted to Year 7 students – by using students to promote the clubs.
- Promoting a 'House' system so that students can buy into supporting part of their community and support house events.
- Improving the tone within school letters. There was a feeling that they can be too negative and need more 'warmth'.

3. Website

Parents provided some views about what they don't like at the moment. Mr Major will share these at a meeting about a new website.

4. General Concerns

Parents had questions and a discussion about issues concerning progress on reports, flight paths and admissions.

Mr Hylan highlighted a potential planned development in the future.