

Parent/Carer Association Meeting

Monday 8th October 2018

19:00 - 20:00

1. Introductions and reference to vision, ethos and values by Mr Humphreys
2. Ready to Learn Presentation by Mr Southon

Questions and comments

As parents/carers it would be useful to know what the recognition / consequence was for to make it meaningful. Can we see the comments?

In the launch period at the start of the year comments are not visible. However, we recognise the importance of this and will be enabling the comments in due course. We will inform all parents/carers when this is the case.

My daughter does not link the reward to meaning? Can teachers make pupils more aware?

Whilst we encourage staff to recognise the praise, not every praise will have a conversation, but all teachers will endeavour to make it more explicit what the praise was for.

Do students understand the meaning of the values?

The St Katherine's Way defines our three core values of Respect, Responsibility, Resilience and all pupils understand the expectations through Ready To Learn. The more extended interpretation of the words to help our young people understand them is detailed within the St Katherine's Way.

We will be working on defining our values this year through our character education programme which will explicitly teach our values to all our young people. We are working on excellence at the moment.

It is not always possible to view homework on classcharts?

If you are experiencing any technical issues with Class Charts please contact francisblacka@skdrive.org. Classcharts is now a central app for students, staff and parents/carers. Feedback positive, with some becoming addicted!

Postcards are very well received by parents/carers and these will continue.

Will any consequence, for example if just one, always remain on the 'wagon wheel'? What is the impact (self esteem, wellbeing) on this on a pupil always seeing the reminder when they look at the 'wagon wheel'?

Yes the consequence will remain but as the positive recognition builds so this will become a smaller slice. We will monitor this as we embed the system and will capture feedback on this very point with students so we get this right.

What are our challenges with the new system?

We are working with all staff to ensure we are providing a consistent experience for pupils across the curriculum and all classrooms. We are monitoring and feeding back to staff regularly. Where any mistakes are made we will put it right and continue to work together to achieve a calm and positive learning environment. If a pupil is referred to Ready To Learn, a member of staff will go and have a

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conversation with the pupils to reinforce expectations and ensure there is a clear understanding so all subsequent lessons are successful.

3. House System presentation by Mr Southon

How were House Leaders appointed?

Promoted in assemblies, including whole school assembly at the end of term 6 and start of Term 1. Tutor promotion and encouragement at the start of term followed by letter of application and interview.

Parent/carers welcomed the house system and support for the fun and element of healthy competition between houses. Opportunities for all to contribute through sport, arts, academic achievement, community etc.

Will a child stay in the same house?

Yes. On entry in Year 7 they are allocated to a house from day one. They transition into the house in Term 6 of Year 7. The idea is a single point of contact through Year 8-11.

How do we track the house points? Website is displaying zero.

Figures will be updated on a fortnightly basis. Error on website will be fixed this week.

What is expected of the Community Rep, Charity Rep as they are single appointees?

Heads of House will meet with the pupils in each role and share with them the 'job specification' and to answer any questions they may have.

4. Future agenda items

- Teaching and Learning
- Bus - punctuality / overcrowding
- What can parents offer to support
- School meals
- Rewards - is chocolate the most appropriate choice?

5. Next meeting is Monday, 28 January 2019.