

# Minutes of the 'Parent/Carer Forum'

## Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2014

### 1. Welcome and introduction to the 'Parent/Carer Forum'

Mr Brownlow welcomed everyone and explained the purpose of the forum. The school is keen to increase parental engagement and seek views from all stakeholders. The forum would be a consultation body and the views would be discussed at appropriate meetings and then feedback given at future meetings.

### 2. Communication between school and home/Reporting

The following points were made during the discussion:

- The parents/carers were concerned about the procedure for making appointments for parents' evenings.
- Why can't they see all their son's/daughter's teachers at all parents' evenings?
- Can we use the online system for making bookings?
- Could the Year 7 parents' evening be scheduled at the end of the academic year?

Mr Brownlow explained that he would discuss these comments at meetings within school and then feedback at the next meeting.

### 3. Rewards

Mr Roberts (deputy headteacher) gave a presentation about the rewards system. The following points were made during the discussion:

- Can students be rewarded for enrichment activities being done outside of school?
- Students need to know when they have been issued the reward points and why?
- How can parents/carers find out how many points their son/daughter has got?
- Why are some students getting lots of rewards points?
- Could we have clarity re the criteria for the end of year reward trips?

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### 4. Homework

Mrs Stucki (deputy headteacher) gave a presentation about the homework policy and protocols. The following points were made during the discussion:

- Not all teachers are putting the homework on the board and asking the students to write it down. Some are emailing it after the lesson. We need to be consistent.
- There is inconsistency re setting of homework and using the homework timetable (some students are overloaded over the weekend and holidays).
- There is too much internet research/finish off/go over homework being set?

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### 5. Careers education

Mrs Stucki (deputy headteacher) gave a presentation about the careers education, support and guidance being offered at school.

### 6. Issues raised by parents/carers:

- Clubs and after school activities: could there be a list on the website of all the clubs and after school activities currently being offered.
- Could parents/carers put money onto the lunch cards via the website?

- Could there be a menu on the website for the food available at lunchtimes?
- Could the school discuss road safety with the students in Years 7 and 8?
- Could there always be an emergency contact number for all CCF residential trips?

#### **5. Possible issues for future discussions**

Mr Brownlow asked for any more suggestions to be emailed to him at [parents@kingcharles1.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:parents@kingcharles1.worcs.sch.uk).