

Minutes of the 'Parent/Carer Forum'

Wednesday 15th March 2017

1. Homework

Mrs Allen gave a presentation regarding homework in Years 7 and 8. There were several points raised and Mrs Allen said these would be looked at and she would report back at the next meeting.

- The majority of parents/carers preferred that Year 7 students continue to get homework using the current model rather than moving to one that focusses on literacy and numeracy.
- Can homework tasks be set that prevent students from spending too long on any one piece of homework?

2. Three year GCSEs

Mr Butler went through the implementation plans for the three year GCSE courses that will begin from September 2018.

3. Issues raised by parents/carers:

- Year 9 options evening: the following ideas were raised:
 - Could the presentations take place in the Oldfield Hall rather than in the Sports Hall as it was difficult to hear at the back?
 - Could there be more staff from each subject available to talk to?
 - Could there be Years 10 and 11 students available for parents/carers and Year 9 students to talk to about each subject?
 - Could there also be a presentation on universities as well as apprenticeships?
- Mr Brownlow explained how the school organises the timetable in terms of specialist teachers.
- Could the school look at the range of food available at break time for students to buy?

4. Possible issues for future discussions

Mr Brownlow asked for any more suggestions to be emailed to him at parents@kingcharles1.worcs.sch.uk