

Minutes of the 'Parent/Carer Forum'

Thursday 17th March 2016

1. Matters arising from the last meeting

None were raised.

2. School food

Mr Field gave a presentation about the plans for school food and the food plan. There were several points raised and Mr Brownlow said he would investigate and report back at the next meeting.

- Why are so many unhealthy cakes and puddings on sale?
- Why is there not enough hot food available for those students on second sitting?
- Can a healthy burger be created for sixth form students?
- Could the students take food outside?

3. Issues raised by parents/carers:

- A question was raised about the Year 9 options and the requirement to take a language and a humanity at key stage 4. Mr Brownlow explained that the school is constantly reviewing the curriculum so that it provides breadth and depth and gives students a variety of experiences and the opportunities to improve their knowledge and skills in different areas. It is essential that all students study the core academic subjects at GCSE, the subjects that keep their options open, and allow them to enter the widest ranges of careers and university courses. Which means getting good GCSE passes in English, maths, sciences, history or geography and a language. Mr Brownlow also explained that the school has also reviewed the number of GCSE qualifications that students take and from now on the vast majority can achieve a minimum of 10 GCSEs and a maximum of 11 GCSEs.
- A concern was raised about the quality of the provision in technology at key stage 3. Mr Brownlow said he would investigate and report back at the next meeting.
- School trips: could a payment card be sent home with the students for those residential trips that require ongoing payments?
- School trips: a question was asked about the following sentence in the Paris trip: *'We strongly recommend that you take out private comprehensive travel insurance for your son/daughter'*

4. Possible issues for future discussions

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