

Minutes of the 'Parent/Carer Forum'

Wednesday 4th December 2019

1. Matters arising from the last meeting

2. PSHE (Ms Thomas)

Ms Thomas presented on the content covered in the PSHRE curriculum. She discussed how the programme of study covered financial awareness and mental health (exam anxiety).

3. Careers education (Mrs Elliot)

Mrs Elliot presented on the careers advice, information and guidance offered to the students in all year groups. There was discussion about:

- Providing students (and employers) with prompt questions to ask employers at the careers fayre.
- Informing parents on what particular advice their son/daughters are receiving so they can reiterate the same messages at home
- Possible addition of a university/pathways advice workshop for Year 11 parents at the parents evening.

4. Reading and homework (Mrs Perry)

Mrs Perry presented on the impact literacy has on students' performance and future opportunities, the current work done in school to improve standards of literacy (including reading ages) and the purpose of the reading homework. There was discussion about:

- How to advise parents to encourage the students to read at home.
- The books were too challenging.
- The books did not engage the students.
- The students felt they did not have enough time to read their own books.
- Accelerated reader demands
- The students often missed parts/chapters out of the book.

Mrs Perry will return in the summer meeting to update on reading and gather further feedback.

5. Other issues raised by parents/carers

- Comberton Primary have contacted parents raising concern over the silver car returning to the school gates before/after school. Mr Wilkinson will investigate.
- Year 11 are receiving too much homework. Subjects are setting tasks that are taking the students in excess of 1.5 hours to complete every week. The students don't always feel that the topics that are set are pertinent to them. Mr Butler explained that the parents can sign off to authenticate that the students have spent the allotted time on the task and that the staff are the experts, who design the revision schedule on the core topics. Mr Butler will remind staff and students that homework should be split into three manageable half hour tasks to be completed throughout the week.

6. Possible issues for the next meeting on Wed 4th March 2020

- Leanne Baker (Shire catering) will update on catering arrangements.
- Mr Butler will present on revision/homework.

Please email any suggestions to parents@kingcharles1.worcs.sch.uk