

# Minutes of the 'Parent/Carer Forum'

## Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2016

### 1. Homework

Mrs Allen gave a presentation about homework. She explained that she has made the decision to stop using the homework booklets with Years 7 and 8. There were several points raised and Mr Brownlow said these would be looked at and he would report back at the next meeting.

- It is often difficult to open up attachments when the homework is emailed out.
- Emailing out the homework can cause problems regarding PC access and having the appropriate software.
- Could there be 1 or 2 weeks at the start of Year 7 without any homework?
- Could there be a build-up of homework during Years 8 and 9-eg increasing by 30 minutes each term?
- There needs to be clarity re the deadlines from teachers.
- Teachers need to keep to the timetable.

### 2. Assessment

Mr Butler went through the new assessment protocols. There were several points raised regarding how and when students are given the advice and guidance as to what to do to improve. Mr Brownlow said these would be looked at and he would report back at the next meeting.

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

- Mr Brownlow explained that currently our students choose their GCSE options during Year 9. However, the school is considering changing this to Year 8. Once a final decision has been made, the school will write home to all parents/carers.
- Mr Brownlow apologised for the issues regarding buying the PE kit this year.
- Mr Brownlow explained that there is now a 'search' facility on the website and that letters will now be organised into year groups.
- Mr Brownlow explained that the school would be moving to an online system for booking appointments at parents' evenings over the next two terms. Further details would be issued during the spring term.
- Mr Brownlow thanked the parents/carers who have offered their own experiences or skills in certain subjects or areas of the school.

### 4. 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)