

Parents' Forum meeting

Monday 15th January 2018



Agenda

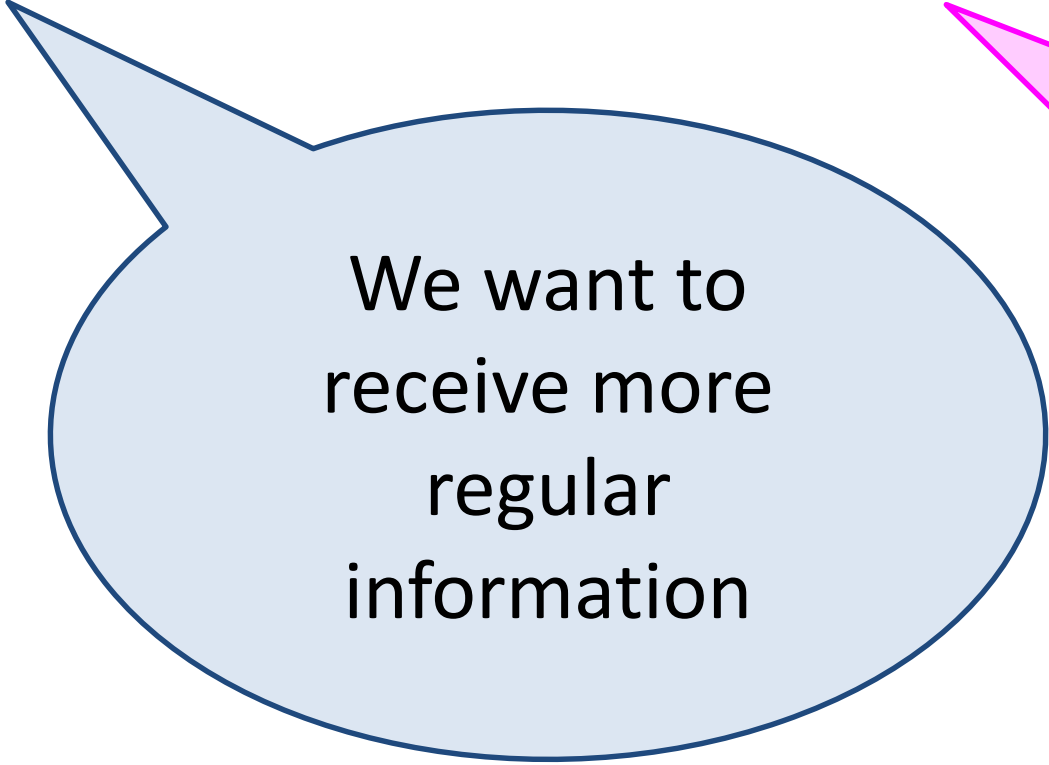
1. Welcome
2. You Said / We Did
3. Statement of Action update
4. Parent App
5. Knowledge Organisers
6. Behaviour and rewards – a welcome to David Plant (secondment)
7. Question and Answers
8. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 27th February 2018 6pm – 7pm

You Said / We Did

Mrs Hillier



You said, we did



We want to
receive more
regular
information



Have increased
newsletter
frequency, invested
in the School
Comms App

We don't want to wait until Year 9 options before we have a parents evening

Added an extra date to the calendar 25/1/18

You said

We did

There hasn't been a sixth form parents' evening yet

Ensured there was one planned for January 2018

Our children
deserve to have
more time
studying creative
subjects

New timetables
issued

You said

We did

We do not think the
carousel is the best
for our children

From January 2018
we have been able to
remove the carousel
and issued new
timetables Y7-9

The rewards are unclear

Mr Plant and the Heads of Year are working on this as an important priority

You said

We did

More homework should be set...too much homework is set

Constantly revisit homework with teaching staff. Website from tomorrow for this half term

Next steps.....

- Keep the suggestions coming, these are most helpful
- Please provide us with regular feedback
- At the end of this term / start of the next – we will run this agenda item again

Academy Improvement Update

Mrs Hillier



Statement of Action - update

- 5 reviews were held last term
- A full review of the first term has been held
- Behaviour has been seen as a strength

Priority reminder:

1. Outcomes
2. Teaching
3. Behaviour and attendance
4. Leadership at all levels
5. Sixth form

- Attainment zones are embedded and targets known by all
- Close monitoring and intervention programmes in place
- Support is in place for any teacher who needs / wants additional coaching
- New robust curriculum in place
- New Heads of Year for Year 11 and sixth form
- New Attendance Intervention Manager in post
- Role changes amongst SLT

A visit from Ofsted? Update

- No contact has been made yet
- You will be made aware as soon as this happens
- Students will also be informed
- We will be assigned a HMI to work with us throughout the journey
- Be reassured we are looking forward to our first visit
- Network of support is in place
- Teaching school alliances
- Visits to other schools & contacts
- CPD – for teachers internally a lot of time is given over to this
- Continue to be part of PiXL and use the elements of this that are beneficial for our students
- More work will be undertaken this term surrounding student aspiration

School Comms – Parent App

Mr Williams



An update

- Thank you to those who took part in the initial pilot
- Mentioned in the newsletter and an initial email sent out
- Already we have 100 parents using the app
- Great feedback from those using it – but we welcome more
- Letter to go out to all parents to advertise the app
- Biggest issue with take up is lack of parent email addresses on record

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Based on feedback...

- We know there is an issue with the reporting of reward and behaviour points
- Work being done with the Attendance Intervention Manager on the use of the app for absence
- Further staff being trained on its use to improve communication

What next?

- Concerted effort to gather details of parents
- Aim to get 50% of parents using the app by Easter
- 75% by the end of the year
- Investigate the use of the app for issuing reports
- Further consultation on the use of the app for absence reporting
- Fix problems with reward and behaviour points
- Utilise the app for sharing student success in the academy

Knowledge Organisers

Mr Allsopp



What are knowledge organisers?

- A knowledge organiser is a set of key facts or information that students need to know and be able to recall in order to master a unit or topic.
- Typically a knowledge organiser fits onto one page of A4 or A3 – this helps students to visualise the layout of the page, which in turn helps them to memorise the information better.

How will ours look at SUA?

- Similar template for each subject area?
- Will be a tool for steering homework

- Things to consider:
 - Key concepts?
 - Keywords?
 - Image?
 - Modelling?
 - Careers linked to topic?

Personal development, behaviour and welfare

Mr Plant



Key Intentions

Raising aspirations – Redesigning rewards, putting emphasis on “serious fun”. Being a presence around the academy. Give students life experiences they will never forget.

Ownership – Both for students and staff – Consistency and communication. Embedding structures within the classroom.

Be part of Team SUA – It’s sometimes easy to forget the great stuff that’s already going on!

Questions?