

## Parent Forum Meeting 24<sup>th</sup> January 2022 – 5pm

Agenda Item	Discussion/Actions
Post 16 Applications	A parent shared that with communication being shared with just students, it was missing being received by parents also. Additionally, Callywith and other organisations are signing them up at interview followed by all forms etc. Their marketing is slicker and we could improve ours. WA shared that we have increased our number of applicants for this year and that only 2 courses had not received sufficient applications to run – these are Environmental Science and Government & Politics – the College was saddened by this, given their very recent addition. TC shared that it was a significant selling point that our average class sizes were much smaller – We have an average of 8, whereas Callywith has an average of 25. We also need to promote that we have successful Oxbridge applications each year.
Duke of Edinburgh	TC shared that due to staffing changes etc, children have seldom completed this over the last few years and have not achieved Gold awards which are prized by Universities. WA confirmed that a new administrator had been appointed and that this would reduce the demand on the existing leader who is a head of year. WA advised that she would bring them to the next meeting.
School Communications	It was identified that with a number of letters being sent, it was sometimes difficult to know what is coming next, the dates of it and the year it was intended for. It was discussed that the website would be a useful means of sharing this information in a ‘parental calendar’ of events. It was acknowledged that <i>**subject to change</i> could be used to indicate that change (due to COVID etc) could occur. WA agreed to action this.
Uniform Recycling	It was discussed that a number of parents have uniform items that are either brand new or have little wear and they could be helpfully donated. WA stated that the government guidance on uniform had changed and there must be ‘affordable’ access to it. She agreed that a simple measure would be to hold a ‘second hand’ uniform shop on transition evening. The College continues to welcome good quality donations that can be dropped off in reception at any time
Next Meeting	The next meeting will run from 5.30 to 7pm – this will afford an informal ‘meet and greet’ with tea and coffee for interested parties followed by the meeting.

**Next Forum Meeting: Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 5.30pm**