

Our Voice Meeting Minutes and Actions: 23 November 2023

Agenda Item	Discussion Points	Response from College	Actions
GCSE Support	<p>A parent expressed their disappointment of no parent information evening to date for year 11 students. Some students and families might need support, particularly for parents with children going through the GCSE system for the first time. More information given to the parents/carers for revision clubs, to have the tools earlier to support your child. A timetable for what is happening through the year was requested particularly with the months of Mocks detailed.</p> <p>Would it help to have a calendar at the start of the year?</p>	<p>The previous year the school held a parent information evening in September where two year groups and parents were in the hall. Having the two year groups of 10 and 11 meant the hall was very full. it was felt that holding the information evening early had a small response particularly for the year 11s where 50% attended. We want engagement from all Year 11 parents. This year we have decided to hold the parent information evening in December, there will be a trip planned for year 11 students where they will return to the school for 17:30, that evening at the time of pick up we will be holding the parent information evening to hopefully encourage greater attendance. Details to follow. At this meeting there will be more information for parents to use the tools available reaching the other 50%. On the 7th December students will receive their mock results (brown envelope day) and parents evening.</p> <p>Yes, will look in to this.</p>	<p>The College will shortly announce the Yr 11 parent information evening.</p> <p>A timeline of events for Year 11 students will be released in accordance with this</p>

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<p>Parent Information Evening for Year 11</p>	<p>A parent shared that the Class Charts App can be a negative experience when a child doesn't fit the mould. They had chosen to remove the app at present. They felt more information would help when a child is receiving negative marks.</p> <p>For the forthcoming mocks in March for year 11 students, it would be helpful to have a "what to expect in Year 11", with links to the places to find information.</p>	<p>Disruption free classrooms are vital. We have to have behaviour systems that support appropriate behaviours. As parents are busy, Class Charts enable parents to check on their child's behaviour in their own time and are a valuable resource to understanding their child's attitude and progress in school.</p> <p>All information for the year 11 details are on the Portal, but we can sign post again where to find this.</p>	<p>Comments will be turned on in the future The College is removing some buttons to simplify the responses to behaviours</p> <p>Sign post Year 11 portal to parents and carers</p>
<p>SPARX</p>	<p>For year 11 parents we have emails weekly saying our child has not completed SPARX, is it optional?</p>	<p>It is an optional extra. But it is great revision. Students complete half an exam paper fortnightly</p>	<p>Maths team to promote/explain the use of SPARX for revision</p>
<p>School Gateway</p>	<p>Where does the information go?</p>	<p>We will find out.</p>	<p>College to identify how these messages are collated and passed on</p>
<p>Whole Class Detention</p>	<p>Why do the whole class get punished? Is there a school policy for this?</p>	<p>There is no policy. College offered apologies,</p>	<p>WA to speak to staff about expectations of practice</p>
<p>How does the policy of park and detention</p>	<p>Removed from Agenda</p>		<p>Just for info: There are currently some adaptations to the</p>

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work? Students preplanning to miss following lessons they do not like.			system being worked through
GCSE vs BTEC	Year 13 looking to go to Uni. Bristol came up. Discussed admission policy. BTEC not recognised. Why is this information not given when choosing?	Good point. We will make this change. BTEC might narrow. Early indications are that new grades are in line with GCSE	College to make more prominent at open evening
Homework set during Mocks	It was raised that if homework that is set during mocks, could it be only revision relevant rather than extra homework. This had happened with possibly English, but parent would check if it was the correct subject.	With English, this is "Quick Write" and is relevant.	College to maintain prevalence of homework in Year 11 especially
Vaping	Has there been an assembly on vaping? More than just "you shouldn't do it".	There has been, assemblies, tutor time, toilets have helped tremendously in reduction of vaping on site.	Local police are also running assembly groups
Break lost when exams roll over.	After Mondays English exam. Those with extra time went straight in to next lesson, with no break. No time for the toilet.	Will talk with Exams to check and put in place. Very little time was lost from this exam.	Students with AA will start their examinations earlier to avoid this happening again

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Brown envelope day / Results		This will be on the 7 Dec – All Year 11s will receive their mock results on this day	Send corresponding comms home to parents on this day
Collapsed Classes		We now have a cover room. Accommodates 64 children. We employ for two reasons 1) supply cost £125,000 LY. 2) Children respond better to a teacher from that subject as opposed to supply teachers.	NFA
101 / 103 Double decker bus	Merging the bus. Some children are a little bit daunted and told the wrong thing.	We will speak with Mr Newham.	Pastoral team and Mr Newman advised of this and to liaise with bus company
PTFA AGM	Any update on this?	We need to be realistic. Quiz night and bingo. - Kim Mayer	
PTFA	Can we recruit from primary groups ready for them to come up?	Really good idea. We should do this.	WA to advise R Dunlop
Deficit		We should be flat by next year (still have a historic deficit but not adding to it) Recruitment is the challenge right now.	
Callington Youth Project	Do you have any involvement with them?	No – for reasons pertinent to the College	

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Police to discuss safe driving	Following the news from Wales, can we have Police talk about safe driving.	Good idea. Yes.	College to liaise with police
Uniform		We are on single point of entry. Working on this. Picked up systematically every day.	
Next Date / New Ideas	When will we next meet?	23/01/2024	