

Parents' Forum; Wednesday 5th October 2011

Present; Andy Dale, Marshall Fear, Gill Powner, Kate Smith, Claire Blue, Julie Rust, Steve Rust, Julie Cox & Suzy Allen.

1. Andy went through the minutes from the previous meeting and updated the group on how things had moved forward.

Matters arising;

- Could there be a link at the bottom of the Parent mail information to the School's website?
- It would be nice to have at least the Head teacher's photograph on the web site and if possible a photograph of the senior team.
- Would it be possible to have an email address for every department at school, therefore avoiding the need to go through the Head teacher each time?
- One Parent offered to help during the "refugee week", but got no response from the school...Andy to investigate!
- Is it possible to get more photographs onto the news letter and to make them a "little bit" bigger so that we can actually see who the children are?

2. Extra curricular activities;

- Parent's felt concerned that some P.E. activities were advertised as being for years 7 to 11.
- Concern was expressed that pupils who wanted to attend some of the clubs didn't know where or when to eat to enable them to participate.
- Could there be a "Fresher's" event or something similar at the start of the year in order to help year 7 pupils to become more involved?
- The timetable for events had changed slightly from that given out by Andy in September at the year 7 parents' evening and this had caused some problems.
- Could Parents have information regarding the D of E activities taking place?
- How do pupils get to attend the climbing club and is it still on the curriculum?

3. AoB

- NCHS Parents have not received any Parent mail.
- More information needs to be sent out about what examinations are taking place and when...which external examinations are year 9 doing etc.
- Academic mentoring has changed, could you publicise the changes?
- The timetables that were given out on the first day back were collected back in by some staff! Would it be possible to have a copy that we could keep at home for ourselves?

Andy Dale October 2011