

Parent Forum
Wednesday November 14th
Minutes

Item	Lead	Action/Questions
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2	MMU	Remove equipment from the reports.
3	AAG	
4	CTR	<p>Do the students take GCSE literature a year early? Miss Trouve explained this was a case by case decision.</p> <p>Is there homework for all English lessons on ClassCharts? Miss Trouve explained she would check this, but all students should have project based learning on ClassCharts.</p>

5	Student Books	ALL	
	Mr MacLean explained that the senior leadership team had discussed the advantages and disadvantages of sending students' books home for parents/carers to see how much progress their child is making. Parents agreed that many books may be lost or not returned and this seemed to be the overwhelming opinion. A discussion was had that perhaps we could offer the chance to parents and, with notice, plan an evening when they could have a look.		MMU to take the discussion of logistics to SLT and HODs.
6	School Trips	ALL	
	Parental enquiries regarding students trips and the cost was discussed and support for pupil premium students. Parents suggested that PP students receive targeted letters to ensure they were aware of support for school trips.		MMU to discuss at next SLT meeting.
7	Questions and Answers.		
	Do we have a foundation level at GCSE? Foundation levels at GCSE exist for a few subjects and grades are capped depending on this.		
	Where do we get term information? www.dccaorg.uk/downloads/parents/Calendar.pdf School website, click parents and students, the school day and calendar, academic year calendar, then download your choice of information. The online newsletter also has the latest term events and planned fixtures and school trips.	MMU	JFM demonstrated how to access the website. JFM recommended that all parent join us on facebook as it is updated daily and gives a range of dates, and up and coming events.
	How do we find out about subject setting? If you have any queries or questions regarding your child's setting, please call or email, requesting a call back from either their head of year or, if it is subject specific, the head of department. Alternatively, contact Mr May, Vice Principal. Year 11 queries should go straight to Mrs Muir or Mr Bing.	ALL	
	Why is there a rise in supply teachers this term?	JFM	
	Unfortunately, we have had a few very poorly staff off over the last 6 weeks in English, RE and Science. Happily, they are well and have returned but some are on phased returns. We have 2 full time cover supervisors, they are unable to cover all so we have had to have some additional supply teachers.		
8	AOB		
	Communication regarding the parent forum One parent had seen the forum by chance and questioned if greater communication could have been made.		

	MMU explained a letter, text, email, the website and facebook were used but will look at further ways to advertise the meeting as it was a productive way of sharing ideas and opinions on our school's progress.		
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