

19 July 2019

Parent and Family Forum  
Minutes  
02.07.19

PE Enrichment Day – *feedback received following the PE Enrichment Day has been very positive. During the forum the following points were discussed:*

- Years 3 and 4 skills events were good as parents could clearly see what was going on and were able to encourage pupils. In future, would it be possible to open this up for other year groups and invite parents of older pupils?
- The majority of parents thought the new invitational races were a good idea. They felt pupils who wanted to do so enjoyed the atmosphere and there was no pressure on those who did not want to participate
- Some pupils did not compete in races they wanted to and it appeared that some races did not have an even number of participants from all Houses.
- *All feedback has been passed to the PE department for consideration*

#### Electronic Watches

- It was asked whether the school would consider allowing pupils to wear 'Moochies' watches and for these to be turned off during the school day. Unfortunately, the Academy does not allow pupils to wear any electronic watches, such as Fitbit, unless it is for medical reasons.

#### Communication

- Parents felt some communication is often sent out too late and sometimes it is difficult to organise things at home in time. It would be appreciated if more notice could be given so that parents have more time to obtain / purchase equipment for visits and events held in school.

#### School Calendar

- Parents asked if the school calendar can include more detail in the new academic year to help them plan and prepare pupils for various events and activities.
- *The school calendar will be fully populated in the new academic year.*

### KS3 day school trips

- For those pupils who do not attend the Year 7 and Year 8 day trips, it was asked why the school do not put on in-house activities for them and why they have to wear school uniform on the day.
- *This year, KS3 pupils remaining in school will be taking part in a mystery solving puzzle. Pupils wear uniform where ever possible – even on trips - unless it is inappropriate to do otherwise. Therefore, if pupils are taking part in an activity trip, or going on rides, they will be asked to wear non-uniform, as appropriate.*
- *If pupils remain at school, unless it is a physical activity based - in which case pupils would be asked to wear their PE kit, they would be expected to wear school uniform.*

### Assemblies

- The subject of assemblies finishing late has been raised before but from time to time they are still finishing late, in some cases at 3.40. This causes a problem for those pupils who have after-school clubs to attend at other sites. *Mr Monti will remind staff about finishing on time.*

### Girls' uniform

- It was felt it may be advisable to let female pupils know it might be practical to wear shorts under skirts.
- *Shorts under skirts should not be necessary if the skirts are knee length (as per the uniform policy).*

### Positives

- The BA choir were “amazing” during their recent performance at Stratton Upper School. Thank you to Ms Rondel for all her hard work
- The Bear Hunt – pupils were so excited and the Year 8 pupils did a brilliant job interacting and helping the younger pupils
- Thank you for sorting out the hole by the gate - please ensure it is maintained!

*Thank you to the parents and carers who attended the forum – we appreciate hearing your comments and feedback.*