

Parents Association Meeting 9 October 2019

1. Welcome and introductions

Apologies for the mixed communication on start time of 6:30 not 7:00.

2. Previous minutes;

Physical activity, still a challenge, how can we build in 1 mile a day, tutor time slot (military style timetables)

Homework - timetables - tutors, weekly communications link (3 weeks), timetables on website.

Feedback from parents/carers was a much better regularity of homework in Term 1.

3. Activities Week Review;

- Feedback shared with key points from Mr Francis-Black.
- Offer trips and opportunities throughout the year Mr Francis-Black.
- Support of wanting to provide structured opportunities throughout the year giving all students a range of opportunities and exposing students to new experiences where possible
- Retain residential trips, move timing, create cheaper opportunities, spread throughout the year
- Feedback - payment plan to support long term plan, get it out as soon as possible, consider Dec/Jan payments as this is an expensive time for many.
- We have a desire to provide opportunities for all our students.

Cultural Capital - Public speaking, climbing a mountain, eat in a restaurant, experiencing an interview, live sporting events etc - the list was long and shared and we invite responses from all to capture a range of experiences.

We want all students to experience a broad range of experiences.

- Strengthening the moral fibre of our offer and adding to our focus on developing character and our values:
- Is there a framework we can pin this around?
- St Katherine's Framework, need to explore an appropriate name. Categories to explore e.g.
- Physical
- Cultural
- Survival
- SMSC framework could be mapped instead

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- Could introduce levels e.g. Gold/Silver/Bronze.
- Could use the D of E framework as the reference, the list essentially encompasses across a number of D of E categories.
- The aim is to provide opportunities for all students.

Very positive feedback from parents/carers on the direction of our curriculum along with the opportunities.

A general understanding of the barriers shared with activities week along with the costs incurred to the school through non payment etc

Structure and implementation were two areas identified for the school to give greater consideration to

Further feedback welcome to Mr Francis-Black - francisblacka@skdrive.org

4. Co-Curricular:

- Shared co-curricular offer
- Letter out to offer sign up
- Can we formalise interest
- Advertise on website
- Issues with some not running at lunchtime
- Attendance is being monitored in 2019/20
- Branching the co-curricular offer to students
- Can we put a strong emphasis on encouraging parent/carer's to sign up to at least two activities.
- Across year groups
- No music at lunchtime
- Where are the holes in the offer?
- What is the structure? Offer within arts, creativity, physical exercise etc
 - Faith based activities?
 - Debating
- Communications out to tutors / staff
- Weekly comms to parents - reminders to encourage uptake
- Promotion in assemblies/classes to engage students
- Co-Curricular weekly items in weekly comms
- Termly offer, not annual, analysis by term

How do we tighten up the delivery and execution of the offer and increase attendance?

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6. Future agenda items

Lunch timing - break and lunchtime diet / healthy food

GCSE options - 3 year KS3 and 2 year KS4 at St Katherine's

PTA

Ready to Learn

- sense of fun being eroded
- deployment/reporting of Ready To Learn

Mental Health - support through exams

Next meeting 27 January 2020 at 18:30