



Date: 12 October 2011 at 1900hrs

Wolgarston High School Parents' Forum

Sally Wormald chaired the meeting and explained how the Forum had evolved with a desire to share the experiences of our children as they passed through the school.

1. School Performance – P. Tapp

This consisted of a detailed analysis of examination results at GCSE, AS and A level from the 2010-2011 academic year. Whilst the school was pleased with AS and A level performance, it was concerned that GCSE results didn't measure up to what was expected.

The actions taken to effect improvements in performance were outlined and these included :

- New data system
- New monitoring system with half-termly reviews
- New Governors Scrutiny Committee re-performance
- Appointment of a Deputy Head to lead on quality of teaching and data from January 2012
- Senior staff interviews with every Year 11 student on an individual basis

Consideration was given to the many reasons for the school to be positive about its performance:

- Behaviour and safety outstanding
- Pastoral care outstanding
- Sixth Form results show sustained improvement
- Exclusions – none to date this term
- Current Year 11 data shows the year group performance to be on track

2 Parent Voice

There were many questions concerning the above and discussion which provided additional information about the school and its work. Homework was a key item in the discussions and will no doubt be a part of the agenda in future meetings. We learned that three staff were on hand in the Learning Centre to support homework needs.

3.AOB

Nikki Hastings-Smith asked for volunteers for:

- A Forum stand at the prospective Year 9 Open Evening on the 20 October
- A group to be involved in a 'walkabout' with the Head Boy and Head Girl, in order to observe the school at work and then report back to the Forum
- Listening to pupils read

Date of next meeting – Wednesday 7 December 2011