



Date: 2nd December 2009

To: Parents' Forum members

PARENTS' FORUM MEETING NOTES

• Welcome & feedback from Steering Group

Main discussion item:

• Healthy schools – has Jamie Oliver got a lot to answer for? (Dave Clark Assistant Headteacher and Judy from County Catering)

Judy (our School Cook) joined us for this discussion and very kindly prepared a range of dishes that we were able to sample. All agreed that school meals were very different these days and a lot more tasty!! Children who have school meals are guaranteed healthy options with ethical issues being addressed by County Catering such as the use of free-range eggs. Dave outlined what is meant by a 'healthy school' – looking at the whole issue of encouraging our children to adopt healthy lifestyles and not become couch potatoes!

Dave would like to form a working group to look at this issue and will be asking for support from interested Forum members in the New Year.

Parent voice on:

• Transition to Wolgarston, from Year 9 to 10 and from Year 11 to Sixth Form (Martyn Morgan from Smestow School)

We were delighted to welcome Martyn Morgan to our Forum who is currently conducting an independent review of transition. Thank you very much for the candid views and the valuable advice that was given to us.

Key message for the school appeared to be a need to ensure consistency. Parents were generally very positive about vertical tutoring but transition arrangements, along with the role of ambassadors, needs to be improved. Nikki explained the situation with the Youth Service taking over the use of ambassadors for transition (last year) and reassured the group that measures are already being put into place to ensure that the current Year 8 pupils have a smooth transition to Wolgarston. This term, for example, the Year 8 pupils have had assemblies with 2 House Leaders and Year 9 ambassadors are due to visit the middle schools this week.

ACTION: Nikki to look at feedback and create an Action Plan to share with Forum members at the next meeting.

• AOB

There are many pupils from Wolgarston who wish to take part in the Duke of Edinburgh programme and are having to travel to Codsall High School. Would there be an opportunity to run the DofE from Wolgarston in the future?

Note – the governors wish to appoint a member of staff responsible for additional awards such as DofE and this position is currently being advertised internally. Watch this space!!!!



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Next meeting: Wednesday 10th February 2010 7.00pm in the library

Possible agenda items:

Parents' Forum recognition update

Presentation item: Preparing pupils for their future as a global citizen

Parent voice on: recent parent evenings / reports

Transition Action Plan

CAN I THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT THIS TERM.
HOPE YOU HAVE A RELAXING CHRISTMAS AND ALL THE BEST FOR 2010.
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