

Minutes for Academy Parents Forum Meeting
Wednesday 10th January 2018

1.	<p>Welcome</p> <p>Apologies: Sue Burgess, Melissa Smith</p>	
2.	<p>School Progress Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There have been a couple of staff moves at Christmas but we have recruited experienced staff to fill these places. • Year 11 Evening will be for receiving mock exam results. Every Year 11 now has a P6 on their timetable where they are receiving subject specific revision help. • We have received the highest number of Year 7 applications this year for 180 places. • We are due an OFSTED visit. This is a main inspection since the 2016 inspection where it was a 'requires improvement' result. • We are currently supporting 2 charities that the student chose; The Sara Lee Trust and The Chestnut Tree House. There is an article in the Hastings Observer about the money the students have raised. • We will be launching PRIDE Talks on 24th January at Sussex Coast College. Last year we had PRIDE Dissertations. This is a joint project with Villers Park and Sussex Coast College students. 	SSM
3.	<p>Online Safety</p> <p>PSN explained the importance of online safety and what we currently do within the school. He asked the group to discuss their concerns with their child's use of the internet</p> <p>Some of the points raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Time on devices • Difference girls/boys, girls social media and boys gaming • Communication gap (mis-reading texts) • Discussion with other friends parents • Peer pressure • Open discussions • Followers, getting likes • Some interests not the same type of person <p>PSN will look at what was discussed and use this to inform school eSafety Policy.</p>	PSN
4.	<p>Discussed at last meeting</p> <p>Detentions – we use ClassCharts to set detentions. HoS/SSMs should contact if the parent does not have the ClassCharts app. It was raised that not all parents can access the ClassCharts app at work or are able to take phone calls. It was asked if a text could be sent instead. SSM told the meeting we would look into the process of informing parents.</p>	SSM

	<p>Reading age on reports – we are still looking at this matter as there are a few technical issues that need to be sorted first, but will come back to this.</p> <p>Science is better now it is fully staffed. Parents thanked the head of Science for phone call.</p> <p>Trips – PSN explained about the trips and the proportion of home/abroad trips. Also SSM explained how trips are authorised and the process by which this is done</p>	
<p>5.</p>	<p>AOB</p> <p>CAP – parent asked why his son was taken out of lesson for this meeting they had received no letter.</p> <p>Sickness – 5 days sickness and FPNs. SSM explained about how FPNs are given.</p> <p>Detentions for not reaching a certain percentage in tests - the head of science did phone home to explain this, it seems that also English have said this to some students.</p> <p>Revision guides for Year 10s what they need – PSN explained this information is on the website under KS4.</p> <p>Year 7 getting more homework than Year 10. PSN to contact parent as this was an individual concern.</p> <p>The next meeting is Wednesday 28th February 2018</p>	<p>PSN</p>