

Minutes for Academy Parents Forum Meeting

Wednesday 25th April 2018

1.	Welcome Apologies Bev Jenkins	PSN
2.	PSN confirmed points raised at last meeting.	
3.	Ofsted Feedback SSM explained about the Ofsted report. We have the best Ofsted rating in Hastings as well as one of the best in the South East. There are still some items to be improved on and the capacity to keep improving. We now have an extensive list of students that wish to attend our school. We were very close to getting Outstanding on behaviour, but unfortunately it was our attendance that let us down. Parents said how the students are boasting about it in the community and are proud to be at this school. The group thanked Mr Smith and the staff. There is a new sense of identity now within the local area. A parent said, 'we are The Hastings Academy, we are not Hillcrest and students feel and see the difference within the school.' SSM explained that we are developing our students in key skills, creating more independent students. The next step to build some resilient learners.	SSM
4.	Mr Halcrow, Subject Lead in Maths gave a presentation regarding Maths Mastery as requested by a member of Parent Forum. The reason for mastery is to give a depth of understanding over superficial procedures, an understanding supported through bar modelling and investigation and challenge through problem solving. Parents did comment that maths has improved and is consistent with homework.	LHA
5.	AOB <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smoking was raised and it has been noted that students are smoking just outside the gates. SLT will check on this. • Issue of DT Food lessons being cancelled because of students playing up. SSM is aware of this and no longer will DT Food lessons be cancelled. • A parent raised the matter of their son not being allowed out of lesson to attend his music lesson. SSM was not aware that this has happened. Staff will be reminded that students need to be allowed out of lessons for music lessons. • The matter of cover teachers was raised especially in English. SSM did explain that we have had a couple of issues in English with teachers on long term sick and the supply teacher is not long term. Our priority at the moment is Year 11 English getting them through exams but the matter is being addressed. • It was also commented that some year 7 students have not had any English homework. • Also in English parents were concerned that students are not getting feedback on exam papers just a number. SSM said that an English discussion would be on the next agenda. 	PSN
6.	The next meeting is on Wednesday 13th June 2018	PSN