

## **Minutes of the Parent Forum Held on Tuesday, 18 September 2018**

<b>Present:</b>	<b>APC, KWL, AOV Kirsty Lavers Alexandra Street Ayse Phaneuf Patricia Dallas Tracey Friendship Alice Faulkner Lucy Fidler Nikki Moss Helen Norton Claire Sams Florella Mulligan</b>	<b>Martin Bamber Sarah Williams Gill Ricketts Gavin Harkness Debbie Cooper Zoe Scott Elle Stewart Katy Horler Carol Tompkins Jackie Andrade Sam Presley</b>
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### **1. POST-IT NOTE - FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS TO CONSIDER**

- Homework electronically - Epraise
- Boys' learning feedback
- Letting children choose a friend to be with in Year 7, as in previous years (one unhappy Year 7 parent!) for future intakes.
- More inspiration Year 7 transition tasks
- Mobile Phone Policy
- No information for Parents on Clubs especially important for Year 7 (information on website is last year, so out of date.)
- PE distribution – two in one week, none in another – not helpful particularly for boys who need to let off steam.
- List of teacher's email addresses on website.
- Update on mobile phone policy and other schools in MAT have
- Enrichment Week – very difficult to organise for working parents last time.
- Parents Evening – longer for appointment times to chat with tutor too. All teachers to be available for pre-options meeting.
- Staff information on website – key teacher's names etc.
- Is the uniform list regularly reviewed to ensure all kit still needed, e.g? Drama kit not always used.
- Parents Evening Process – is it possible to arrange appointments on line instead of students having to find the teachers? (may not be practical.)
- Big Events (Gym and Dance) Welfare/Toilets.
- Curriculum Overview for individual Year Groups on website.
- College Council

# IVYBRIDGE LEARNING STRATEGY

## 7 HABITS OF EXCELLENCE

### PARENT SURVEY

Parents discussed survey and came to the conclusion that one longer survey early March would be best. Parents to review proposed questions with Amy Pearce at next Forum.

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- Good on you for trying a new technique and not sitting on your laurels. **(Year 8 parent)**
- Should have told the children before as rumours that it was happening, emerged as it was not clear.
- This is great! Important to include Silent Starter that recaps knowledge from a while back because memory works best when learning is spaced out (I am just teaching my Psychology students this.)
- Big worrier.....so remembered merits and demerits and does not like to idea of "cold call"!
- Neither child mentioned it! Year 7 had an unhappy start at Ivybridge Community College – more time making friends first, perhaps for future years.
- A whole day at the beginning of term did not go down too well with my son!!
- We have new rules – we will be doing them one hour every week. Not knowing the information, I could not reinforce your message.
- Really interested to hear how it goes; however, will the feedback only be what they expect you want them to hear.
- Feedback from children on first day was a little confused.
- Daughter felt first day a bit spilt as wanted to see friends and chat etc.; could not happen as in tutor all day talking **at** them. Also was too much information all at once.
- Have feedback from parent/young people half termly or termly.
- Many strategies probably used in primary feeders. Less explicitly.
- As a teacher at a primary feeder, I looked into attending the D Lemov CPD but too expensive.
- The 7 techniques sound really good.  
Did not really get any feedback from my child on them, but that does not mean that it was not well received.  
Is there a role for parents to talk these through at home to consolidate them?

## **STEM 1**

### **Supporting College Improvement**

#### **WHERE ARE WE NOW?**

1. Science Clubs – Standard club plus sustained club.
2. Contact with Big Bang lady to plan event.
3. Thoughts on community ideas – feeds into weeks or Impact Day.
4. Tighter co-ordination of STEM with KWL's new role.
5. Budget and whole school support.

## STEM 2

### Supporting College Improvement

#### WHERE WOULD WE LIKE TO BE?

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Update Science and other clubs on Ivybridge Community College Website and Up clubs provision.</li><li>➤ Science Week Upgrade.</li><li>➤ Invite speakers from local companies, University of Plymouth etc. and Alumni</li><li>➤ Big Bang Fair – Nick will arrange a meeting with Lead and invite parents to it.</li><li>➤ Idea of co-ordinating with other subjects, so Science of Art, Cooking, etc.</li></ul>	<p>KWL to audit within the next two weeks. Oversight and future thoughts by half term.</p> <p>Parents to email me adhoc. Careers Fair? Bookings around Christmas.</p> <p>Next two weeks – Tuesday – invite group in.</p> <p>Links to Point 1.</p>
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## Supporting College Improvement

### COMMUNICATION TEAM REVIEW OF LAST PRENT FORUM

#### WHERE DO WE WANT TO BE?

<b>1. New Tutors</b>	Information to parents – DTA organising. Parents asked us to consider parents' meeting. Tutors who were not present at the Year 7 Open Evening – touch base. The question was asked "how far back are we going?" If they do not know tutor, could there be an Open Night – tutors invite parents they do not know?
<b>2. Communication hierarchy and systems</b>	Could APC ensure that all tutors know Message to tutor – email polite line – 24/48 hours – check all. Principal – HoYs – could we make College hierarchy better known? – vital Year 7 Chain of Command.
<b>3. Year 11 Revision</b>	Parent/Student support to know when/where. Useful sticker all dates Year 11 has just been issued
<b>4. Year 7 Parent Feedback</b>	Transition Booklet positive but could we add:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Who to contact with what – new Year 7 parent.</li><li>➤ Dentist/Doctors/Feeling poorly – what to do? and could Year 7 have a nurses induction?</li></ul>
<b>5. Epraise Maths homework on or off?</b>	Year 7 has had homework – are parents looking for homework on Epraise or not? AFE/CFT to gain next Forum.
<b>6. AMN also invited as parents keen to discuss reporting systems.</b>	
<b>7. Parents would like mobile phone feedback.</b>	
<b>8. General Year 9 – Survey how are they doing?</b>	Update on progress as they have started GCSE's. Parents would like information on how they have settled.
<b>9. CPSHE – Principals</b>	Please can parents and students have information and calendar to avoid carrying books/instruments etc. when not needed?
<b>10. Communication between Departments</b>	Avoid clashes – students cannot be in two places at once. Please can calendars support this?
<b>11. Share calendars/fixtures!</b>	