



Minutes of the Parent Forum held on Tuesday, 17 September 2019

Present: APC Amy Pearce, CFT Dave Cliff, AOV Kelly Olive, BRM Sarah Broom and 53 parents

1. Post-It Note - Future Agenda Items to Consider

- Strategies for Independent learning

2. Communication Strategy

APC shared the Ivybridge Pathways for Communication document. APC thanked the Forum for their work getting to this point. APC asked for any further feedback by Friday of this week such that we can get this on our website and sent via email to all our Parents, Carers and College Stakeholders.

3. KITE Learning Programmes

AOV took parents through KITE expectations and explained the self-testing toolkit will be launched with parents later in the year.

Parents support this KITE learning strategy but asked teachers to be clear in setting relevant sections for KITE Home Learning.

4. PACE at Ivybridge Community College

CFT explained key changes to the policy this year. Parents commented that students had not mentioned this at home and that they support same day detentions. Parents like the use of Epraise to monitor praise points, demerits and interventions. Two parents voiced concerns about student movement in corridors as Year 7s in particular feel they have been struggling with corridor movement. A parent of two older children commented she had had the same experiences as a Year 7 mum but that it does settle. A parent asked for the College to have 'transition times to lessons' and APC explained this had been part of our College day consultation in the summer term and that the College decided not to reduce lesson time but focus on PACE movement in a calm purposeful manner. The same parent was concerned about teachers sanctioning for lateness. CFT commented that staff only sanction lateness where a student arrives much later than the main student body. APC went on to speak to individuals about key concerns raised, although APC did remind the Forum that such concerns do not belong at Forum and are to be actioned at the time they occur and via the Tutor.

5. Home Learning and Epraise

BRM described the latest changes. Parents were pleased to be able to see Home Learning and look forward to consistency between subjects settling as staff become au-fait also with the new recording system. Parents agreed comments should be brief and that Home Learning should still be explained in lessons with students writing notes

in their Learning Journals. APC and BRM confirmed that the Home Learning Epraise tick box to say it is done can be done by students and teachers but this is not currently a compulsory element of the Epraise system. The College is keen to begin to embed this as our recording system for transparency for student, parent and teacher.

APC shared the next ParentMeet and Parent Forum meeting dates as on the website and reminded parents to please ensure they register their attendance such that we have enough refreshments.