

Present:

Staff	
Jon Lawson (JL)	Assistant Principal
Joanna March (JM)	PA to Principal

Parent	Child(ren) in Year ...
Nichola Farley-McFadyen	8
Stacey Hill	8
Angela Nobre	8 & 13
Ana Pereria	7
Rosetta Tickner	12

Apologies received from Kelly Castelete
1 Matters Arising

- **Student Council**

JL reported that the Student Council members have been voted in. Clinics are being held where the elected members will find out any issues the pupils in their houses want to raise. A report, written by the Student Council members, will go in the Newsletter.

- **Cashless Payment System**

JM confirmed that this is now being processed and that the new payment system will hopefully be up and running for September.

- **Update from Online Safety**

JL reported that a group of Year 9 students had recently participated in a project, led by Northants Police, on the topic of cyber bullying. Michelle Hodgkins, the Head of RS, worked with the students in this project, with the aim of reducing cyber bullying.

JL further reported that the Well-being classes (How To Thrive) currently being delivered to all Year 7 students, contains a component on how to be safe online, ie to think before they post anything and the difference between fantasy and reality in the media. There are six hours of direct curriculum input on this topic in Year 7, with further lessons on media influences in Year 8.

- **Extra Curricular Activities Update**

JL confirmed that due to pressures on all schools nationally regarding funding, while we would love to appoint a Duke Of Edinburgh Co-ordinator, this does not seem financially viable in the short to medium term.

DC had also provided an enhancement and enrichment update covering aspects such as the Student Voice group, the elected Student Council and a range of extra-curricular activities such as Young Enterprise, Sports Leader Award, Live Lounge and various Humanities field trips.

- **New special school on the Beanfield site**

Rosetta Tickner reported that she had attended the meeting on the building of a new special school which will be built on the old Beanfield School site. She confirmed that it would be a school specifically for children with special needs (100 pupils approximately) and that priority would be given to children in the Corby area.

2 Scott Hudson, Principal

JL confirmed that Scott Hudson would be leaving at the end of the academic year, and that the Trust would soon be advertising for a new Principal, possibly to start in September, but more likely to start in January 2016. Wayne Norrie, our Executive Principal, will be overseeing the appointment of the new Principal, along with an Acting Principal, if necessary.

3. Sex Education and Associate Issues

JL summarised what already took place with regard to Sex Education:

- In Key Stages 3 and 4 the following topics are covered in Science: Puberty, Sexual Intercourse, Pregnancy, Contraception and STIs, Fertility Treatments
- In Year 8 next year, pupils will cover relationships and sex education (a letter will go out to parents explaining what will be covered in sex education).

Some members of the Forum expressed their concerns around explicit material on the internet and the pressures on girls in particular. It was felt that the pupils need more information on where to go, both in the Academy and outside, for advice and support regarding these issues.

Action: JL to check that the student planner gives pupils guidance on what is available internally and externally.

It was generally agreed that more was needed on the emotional aspect, particularly for girls, and that gender groups would allow them the opportunity to learn more about this and to express themselves in a safe setting. It was also suggested that the students should have a named person they could go to in the Academy to ask questions or to talk to about sex education or associated issues. JL informed the Forum that the Academy Nurse, Julie Palmer, held a clinic every Tuesday (second break) and that all students had the opportunity to go to see her there.

Actions: JL to speak to Ian Powell, Head of Science, to see whether they currently do any gender specific lessons and, if not, to explore the possibility of doing this in the future. JL to take views expressed back to SLT. Student Council – JL to ask members of the Council to carry out a survey to find out what the pupils feel, ie does the Academy do enough for them?

4. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 30 June 2015, at which the main item for discussion will be the same topic, ie Sex Education and Associated Issues.