

Present:

Staff	
Andy Burton (ABU)	Principal
Jon Lawson (JL)	Deputy Principal
Denise Robinson (DR)	Catering Manager

Parent	Child(ren) in Year ...
Susanne Cunningham	9
Alina Marciuc	11
Kenneth Muir	12
Jenny Buzzle	7
Louise Neal	9 & 10
Tina Collins	9 & 10
Ana & Arthur Pereira	11

JL welcomed everyone to the meeting, thanked everyone for coming and introduced Andy Burton, Denise Robinson.

1 Ofsted inspection

Mr Burton spoke about the positive results of the recent Ofsted inspection and explained some points of the letter. The results have been published on the website, sent via email and everyone at the meeting was given a copy of the results letter. Ofsted recognised the improvements and welcomed the positive progress of the running of the school.

Mr Burton asked if there are any questions to let us know and these can be answered in the next Parent Forum, parents were also invited to go online to make any comments. Mr Burton explained that a section 8 monitoring inspection is to check whether the school is taking effective action or not. It was deemed that the school is on track to being officially recognised as a good Academy.

2 Student Blazers

Mr Burton shared the model blazer and explained that the blazers are still under consultation with the Trust.

The plan is for Blazers to be compulsory for Year 7 & Year 9 from September 2019 to save having to buy a black jumper. To begin with it will be optional for everyone else up to Year 11.

Some of the reasons the school are looking to introduce them is so it's easier / This would enable pupils to wear any pin badges they may be awarded for ipoints, anti-bullying, sports, DofE, it will be cheaper to buy than a few jumpers, it would show off the award ties better. Costs would be:

- £26.50 up to 34" chest
- £32.00 for 36" chest plus

There is also an option to buy a cheaper supermarket blazer and buy a Kingswood embroidered badge for around £11 to be sewn on separately.

2 Student Blazers continued

Mr Burton asked what everyone thought of the blazer and nobody was against it in principle. Several parents- like the idea of the blazer especially those that can't get their children to wear a jacket.

The blazers can be available from January but we think it better to introduce them from September so a few students don't stand out. Mr Burton pointed out that we don't make money from the blazers.

Mr Lawson advised that when asked only 60 parents replied on the consultation.

3 Parent questions answered from last forum

- Are the smaller (remote) Primary Schools given the opportunity to join larger schools? *The answer is yes they are invited.*
- SJo advised that the sQuid problems had been ironed out. One parent unable to access- *joining instructions sent via email and given to student to take home.* One parent still unsure how money came off account during holidays - *SJo advised to try customer services.*

4 Catering and canteen facilities

Denise Robinson, catering manager gave a presentation on how the school meal system works. Sample menus given out and timings explained.

8:15 – 8:30

10 – 11:30

13:30 – 14:10

- Everything is cooked and made on site.
- Price of a meal deal £2.25 there is always a hot meal available and for those students that have lunchtime clubs they can use the Grab & Go facility to get a sandwich in the morning ready for lunchtime.
- There is the cashless system so nobody can tell who has a free school meal.
- No student will go hungry, if they don't have money on their account they will still be given a meal.
- Catering staff have a good relationship with students and try to regulate students to make sure they are eating and not only buying drinks. Nobody can buy a dessert only; students have to show a packed lunch to prove they were having a nutritious meal as well.
- Parents can see what their children are eating.

Parent Questions:

- Why are the milks in the canteen so small? Can larger ones be ordered? - *The order list is set by the Trust and can currently only order 200ml or 1ltr. There are strict rules on procurement – what can be ordered from where. DR will ask if in-between sizes are available.*
- Is there a reason that tea isn't available at breakfast time? - *DR advised it's not available due to being a spill hazard and a burn potential.*
- Can the menu be varied? *The menu is set but there is the opportunity to incorporate bad sellers elsewhere e.g. making fish into fishcakes as long as the allergens are written down.*
- Have the queues improved? *Yes, we are now using metal railings to regulate the queue, that seems to have really improved things and the Atrium is now bigger but we are looking into opening the main hall during Break 2 for Years 9&10.*

Future meeting suggestions

- Target setting, assessment therapies and revision.
- Internet safety
- After Schools Clubs
- JL suggestion – Curriculum – Should we make EBacc compulsory for all students?