

**Present:**

Staff	
Jon Lawson (JL)	Assistant Principal
Inna Hakobyan (IH)	Associate Assistant Principal

Parent	Child(ren) in Year ...
Kelly Castelete	7 & 9
Stacey Hill	9
Joanne Lawson-Love	7
Penny Matthews	9 & 10
Ana Pereria	8
Vicky Robertson	7
Rosetta Tickner	13

Apologies received from Joanna March, Nichola Farley-McFadyen and Angela Nobre

JL thanked everyone for attending.

**Matters arising:**

Student Council:

Cashless Payment System:

Newsletter:

Website:

**15 minutes of Q&A –**

Lanyards (sixth form). Rosetta frustrated following TM previous comments – if photo id showed DOB then students would be able to gain discounts.

**Action: JL to speak to TM**

**Changes to sixth form –**

Mrs Tickner feels the changes eg supervision of the study room have not been consulted on appropriately and some are seen as petty.

Mentoring – Mrs Tickner questioned the use of sixth form students to mentor younger pupils.

Clarification required about how this process operated. **Action: LBa to clarify with Mrs Tickner.**

LBa has not replied to Mrs Tickner's letter – **Action: JL to speak to LBa**

**SMHW** – suggested that some staff may not have SMHW log-ons. Joanne Lawson-Love to pass on details to JL

**Action: JL to speak to KM**

**Uniform –**

One parent very grateful for simplicity of uniform and how this has removed arguments at home. It was noted that there had been a number of positive comments regarding the improvements in uniform and the appearance of Kingswood Secondary Academy students.

**Sex education and associated issues:**

Student planner does include, as requested, guidance on services available to students.

Summary given of the Science curriculum in KS3 & 4.

IH outlined the PSHE curriculum – Mindfulness has been addressed in term 1. Term 2 will move on to sex education and issues such as relationships, the internet and teenage pregnancy. Further information will also be delivered through assemblies eg assembly on issues such as sexting this week. Term 3 is relationships, eg how to develop healthy relationships, how to access advice and support. Term 4 – living in the wider world.

Y8 are also receiving relationship and sex education as part of the wellbeing programme.

There is also a counsellor attached to each year group, as well as a deputy head of year.

JL has chased up MPO and a Parent Information Evening will take place. This will follow whole-academy work on protective behaviours and child sexual exploitation. This will include developing an understanding of the law e.g. consent, under-age sex and sharing images.

**Action: Parents want lots of notice on the date of this evening. Request for MPO to give good notice.**

**Action: IH to ensure that some of the sex education lessons are delivered in a single-sex format.**

There was discussion regarding possible scenarios for delivering a more in-depth PSHE curriculum including extending the school day to allow for a longer form time and in turn greater depth of discussion for eg PSHE. It was noted that if the school day were to be extended then there would of course have to be parental consultation so that issues such as older siblings from Kingswood who pick up younger siblings from local primary schools.

**Other matters:****Staff email addresses:**

**Action: Joanna March to update website with new staff names so parents can work out email addresses.**

**Departure of Darren Gadsby:**

Rosetta Tickner wanted to note what a great loss Darren Gadsby (Deputy Principal) is to the Academy and wanted it minuted what a great contribution he has made. This was echoed by all.

**Next topics that Parent Forum wish to discuss:**

Curriculum & communication of the curriculum – Item for term 2.

Bullying & Behaviour (including smoking) – to counter Facebook etc we do need to broadcast how we don't tolerate it and the sorts of actions that will be taken. Item for term 3.

Road Safety – for possible future discussion.