

Present:

Staff	
Jon Lawson (JL)	Senior Deputy Principal
James Whitney (JW)	Deputy Principal
Pete Sanderson (PS)	Senior Assistant Principal
Andy Burton (ABu)	Principal

Parent	Child(ren) in Year
Tina Collins	10 & 11
Heather Ironmonger	10
Kate Kinneir	7
Louise Neal	10 & 11
Ana Pereira	12
Michelle & Lee Stewart	9

JL welcomed everyone to the meeting, thanked everyone for coming and introduced Mr Whitney.

1 Minutes from last Parent Forum

- Blazers have gone ahead is there any feedback on them?
Parents all in agreement that they look great.
- JL reminded everyone that all years will have them eventually.
- Newsletter is no longer emailed out to all as the file is too large.
- A correction to the last minutes, the topic was PSHE; Form time is 30 minutes not 40 minutes.

Actions from previous meeting:

- PSHE to feed into newsletter – DS to do.
- Reminder emails to go to all parents with a link to the newsletter on the website – JL to speak to main office.

2. Topic for this meeting - Rewards and the new Rewards System

JL introduces Mr Sanderson. Mr Sanderson gives presentation on the above topic. Please see attached Kingswood Honours Awards poster.

2. Topic for this meeting - Rewards and the new Rewards System (continued)

Key points:

- We operate a badge system, now we have the new blazers they are easier to display and be seen. Our motto is Be Inspired and badges inspire students to have aspirations and to see how many badges they can get.
- There are many badges that can be won: The academic badges are the subject badges and the faculty badges. There are badges for taking part in Sports, Full Colours and Half Colours. The i-Points Award – the students with the most iPoints qualify for an end of year treat trip. There is even a Transition day badge going to a new Y7 student. There's a Community badge for students that raise money for charity or volunteer regularly, Cadets badge for those enrolled in the Emergency Service Cadets programme, Duke of Edinburgh badges for those students that have completed their Bronze, Silver or Gold DofE Awards.
- We also have different coloured ties, Kingswood Gold and Silver Honours ties.

Parent questions and discussion

If a student always goes to PE, always puts in effort but has health issues will they be able to earn a badge?

PS: It's about effort, it may not be achievements but in fact those that make the effort are more likely to get a badge. It is to recognise those that are trying their best everyday.

Parents remark that it's nice to see it's not just about achievements.

With the attendance award, the iPoints, what about students that may have good attendance apart from an illness or a stay in hospital?

PS: The award is set at 95% attendance. There is one for 100%.

Discussion about how the culture in the Academy has changed because in years gone by students may not have wanted to wear a badge and the focus was on bad behaviour but now there is a lot of recognition for good behaviour. The influence of other schools sharing good practice has really helped. It shows that badges are a positive thing because they can be seen on students blazers everyday.

3. AOB

Clarified that the time of 5:30pm is a better start time for all parents to attend Parent Forum.

ABu: Do you all get involved in the Facebook group?

Some parents say yes they do, Suzanne Cunningham is the admin on the Facebook group, she is quite good at correcting or confirming anything that needs to be.

Parent question

Could we have a Parental Volunteer Group for open evenings?

Discussion affirms that this is a good idea, suggestions are as follows:

- A stand for parents to talk to people about Parent Forum
- Could also tweet about Parent Forum or advertise it on Facebook
- Parents could possibly take the role of signing parents in/out of parents evenings.

ABu: There will be a new appointment of Principal by the next meeting, they will possibly come along.

Actions:

- Bring along dates for future Parents Evenings to see if anyone is available to volunteer to hand out leaflets and talk on Parent Forum etc.

4. Topics for future meetings

- Careers and Aspirations
- Lunchtime rules and regulations including what students are being told to eat
- Revision and Independent studies
- Reporting
- Curriculum