

## Notes from the Parent Forum Meeting Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2019

**Present:** Andrew Mr Meadd – Headmaster  
 LW CNS JR  
 RM SC  
 BA PS  
 SO TB  
 AR JB  
 Heidi Miles - notes

		<u>Actions</u>
1.	<p><b>Update from Mr Mead</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome to new parents outlined the format of the Parent Forum.</li> <li>• Mr Mead stated he was pleased with the GCSE and A Level results, tables will be published shortly on how well we did within Dorset. English results were excellent, English was a priority and due to the department being depleted more English teachers have been employed this year. The new GCSE exams are much more difficult and the BTEC's have become more demanding for non-academic students, this has had an impact on attendance for exams, some students did not sit their exams.</li> <li>• Tickets have gone on sale for cast members only for 'Into the Woods'. Tickets will go on sale to the general public (on Wisepay) on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October.</li> <li>• All Staff have undertaken Attachment Training as we aim to become an 'Attachment Friendly School'. The training is ongoing, it is making staff more aware of the issues that some of our more vulnerable students are dealing with. Mr Mead gave an explanation of attachment training to the group.</li> <li>• There will be a literature Festival taking place this academic year, planning is underway and Authors and Speakers are being contacted for the summer term.</li> <li>• The 6<sup>th</sup> Form will be taking part in their annual 'sleepeasy' to raise awareness and funds for homeless charities.</li> </ul>	
2.	<p><b>Questions/Concerns/Feedback</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Great to hear students have secured places at Oxford and Cambridge.</li> <li>• Excellent results for son &amp; daughter, above expectations.</li> <li>• SIMS parent rollout, how is that going? Mr Mead will be explaining the background to this in the next newsletter, and the reason why the school is not going to pursue it in the future.</li> <li>• What is the school's responsibility on supervision at the end of the day? The last member of staff is usually at the bike shed. If we are informed of a student's inappropriate behaviour/actions, the school will send a member of staff to the area. If school is made aware of an assault either to or from school by a student there will be sanctions, the same goes for on the buses, bus exclusions can be put in place.</li> <li>• Homework is inconsistent There is a homework timetable within the planner, teachers must stick to this and should never set homework for the following day.</li> <li>• Does the school have a 'multiple birth' policy? Not a policy in itself, but when a child enters Yr7 it is discussed with the Primary school on how the twins like to be treated, together or separate. When moving through the school, data is looked at and Heads of House are consulted.</li> <li>• MFL - Students in Yr7 moving to Yr8 were asked which language they would like to choose for Yr8, why were parents not informed about this? Also students moving to Yr9 were not asked which language they would like to drop. Again, why weren't parents informed about this? Letter should have gone out to parents to advise them of this with a reply slip; apologies that this did not happen.</li> <li>• No communication to Year 9 for 'Bookbuzz'. Parents in Yr7-9 had been sent</li> </ul>	<p><b>Mr Mead to speak to staff about this.</b></p> <p><b>Mr Mead to speak to MFL</b></p> <p><b>Mr Mead to</b></p>

	<p>information on 'Bookbuzz' confirmed with parents within the forum.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lack of school trips for the younger end of the school Explanation was given as to why there are not so many trips for the younger end of the school. Students require trips for their GCSEs and A levels. We cannot have lots of staff out on trips leaving exam classes with no teachers. There is a Yr 8 Geog field trip coming up shortly.</li> <li>• Is it possible to have a trip calendar at the beginning of the academic year so parents have an idea of what is coming up and have more time to save for the bigger trips? Ski Trip 2020 – was all booked up at Half term – it was cheaper to go to America than Europe</li> </ul> <p>Year 8 Geography Trip Year 9 Paris Trip – for those in Yr10-13 Year 9 Lille Christmas Market 2019 – for those taking French in Yr7 and Yr9 Year 8 &amp; 9 French and Spanish Exchange 2020 Battlefields Trip for Yr10 2020 – for those taking History 2020 Ski Trip for Yr8, Yr9, Yr10 and Yr12 - fully booked 2020 India Trip for Yr12 2021 World Challenge trip to Tanzania</p> <p>Meeting finished at 8pm</p>	<p><b>check this</b></p> <p><b>Mr Mead to get this info available on the website</b></p>
3.	<p><b><u>Date of next meeting</u></b> Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 7pm</p>	
4.	<p><b><u>Items for the next agenda</u></b> For any items to raise at the next meeting, please contact Heidi <a href="mailto:milesh@lytchett.org.uk">milesh@lytchett.org.uk</a></p>	