

# Parent Forum Minutes

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2025 6-7pm in 6<sup>th</sup> Form Centre

Present: MNO, GMC, CCU

Discussion	
1	Purpose of the Parent Forum (MNO)
2	<p><b>Careers Education at WVA (GMC)</b></p> <p>GMC delivered a presentation on CEIAG explaining Gatsby Benchmarks and how the school has a responsibility to meet them and provide a broad, balanced careers education.</p> <p>Introduced Unifrog and its purpose – including parent role.</p> <p>Explained Work Experience and how it will be organised.</p> <p>Discussed post-16 and how we have to prepare students for making big choices at 16 years of age.</p> <p>Looked at labour market research and how we use that information to help students make informed decisions about their futures.</p> <p>Introduced Meridian Pathways as an offer and how it is designed to help parents/carers and families understand the changing careers market.</p> <p>GMC asked members of PF to consider if they could support us with work experience or careers talks/information.</p> <p><b>Action: Parent’s Forum members to let school know if they have any links to businesses / work experience placements.</b></p>
3	<p><b>Understanding what students are learning (Parents) – key texts and revision body</b></p> <p>How can you give us a sign of what they’re doing – can’t see this in Year 7. Discussed that perhaps information will differ from primary but parents would appreciate more information</p> <p>Newsletter is wanted – what will my child learn this half term in each subject? Linked with any significant texts or opportunities.</p> <p>Link to NC and the order we cover them in.</p> <p>Tassomai – is it linked to what they’re learning? Unpopular generally.</p> <p>Parents evenings – Yr 9 in particular very keen to set a “real” parents evening.</p> <p>Supporting of reporting/meetings – some parents missed this.</p> <p>Make it clearer with reporting systems – P+/P/P- still causes some confusion.</p> <p><b>Actions: Half-termly overview of what students will learn to be published in newsletter, along with helpful links/info.</b></p> <p><b>MNO to speak with science about Tassomai and ensure linked to curriculum learning.</b></p> <p><b>School to prioritise ‘normal’ parents’ evening where possible so parents can feel better informed.</b></p>
4	<b>PE kit (Parents) - deferred to next meeting</b>
5	<p><b>Home/School communication (Parents)</b></p> <p>Nothing on app tells you there is a report.</p> <p>Makes sure that everyone is signposted to comms. Mixture of emails/app messages is confusing.</p> <p>Matilda production – really clear on programme for music – not clear for drama/dance .</p> <p>Want contact details for Matilda.</p> <p>Matilda clashes with Language Leaders – explained that this is unfortunately unavoidable and some things will inevitably clash.</p>

	<p>No answer sometimes to enquiries@</p> <p>Have an out of office so parents know messages have been received.</p> <p>Actions: MNO to look how messages can go to MCAS as well as emails to reduce 'lost' messages.</p> <p>Reports to be accompanied by MCAS alert and email in future.</p> <p>Email address to be set up for school productions to ease communication.</p>
6	<b>AOB</b>