

Parent Forum Summary

19th November 2023



Points Discussed:

The meeting was opened by Mrs J Watson (Deputy Principal) and Mrs L Hedges (Head of School) and all Parents welcomed.

• New Senior Leaders

Two new Senior Leaders of the school introduced themselves:

Ian Craig – Deputy Principal for the Quality of education

“I also have overall responsibility for outcomes in all year groups. I had a similar role at my previous school in Peterborough which is in the same trust as WFA. I am an experienced teacher and leader in schools in Cambridge and Bradford. I am really excited to join an excellent school and continue the journey from Good and beyond.”

Rebecca Bowen – Assistant Principal

“I am Senior Assistant Principal for Quality of Education, overseeing Curriculum and Teaching and Learning. I have been teaching in Northamptonshire schools for seventeen years and in leadership for the last eleven. I am a maths specialist with a passion for personal development; supporting pupils to be ambitious, well-educated and socially responsible members of their community.”

• School Updates

Mrs J Watson discussed the focus continues to be on Attendance and the tightening up of this system.

Uniform was also tightened and has the following updates:

- Belts should be plain black.
- Trousers should be pulled up, so no underwear is visible.
- No jogging bottoms to be worn underneath trousers.
- Socks should not be on the outside of tights and trousers should not be tucked into socks.
- If students do not have the correct uniform, this will be put on ClassCharts. Two or more uniform issues in a week, will receive a detention.
- Refusing to comply with the school uniform will result in sitting in IE.

This was all sent home to Parents and Carers in a letter last week and all students have had the update through their form tutor.

• Parent Voice

The meeting was then opened up to ask questions about the school and also to plan discussion for future Parent Forums. Topics covered were:



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- Substitute teachers – Mrs Hedges explained why these staff are needed and how the school is addressing the issues of teacher recruitment.
- Lack of homework and the new homework system not being followed.
- Books did not come home when advertised on the school calendar.
- Would like to know more about assessment.
- Would like to know more about the systems in school such as Seneca, ClassCharts, Maths Watch etc.
- Information of the new rewards system.
- Yr7 login issues

These issues will be addressed by the senior leaders in the school and will also help to form the agendas for the meeting for the rest of the year. The dates are:

15th February

2nd May

20th June