

At the Parents' Forum Meeting on 7th June, the following was discussed:

Parents/Carers confirmed that trousers had not been recorded on the minutes, but they had been discussed, notes to be amended.

HST provided an update on the buses' route and parents/carers confirmed the detour had not happened recently. HST had spoken to the bus company. Parents/Carers asked about standing room only and those with passes should qualify for a seat prior to those paying passengers. Particular concern was raised about the 513 bus. Parents/Carers raised issues of fighting and bullying. HST to investigate as all buses have cameras. Parents/Carers asked for conductors or another supervisor on board as the bus driver cannot keep order. Parents/Carers also raised concern over allegations of students selling cigarettes on buses. HST to investigate and report back.

Vision statement has been updated on the website following amendments at last meeting

Safer Internet Day had seen students promoting anti-bullying, safety and had been interviewed on Radio Sheffield

GCSE grades and the changes to Levels. IWI gave a presentation on the new grades and information we will be receiving from primary schools, parents/carers discussed how this will impact on their children

The closure of Aspire was discussed and the issues surrounding that decision

Information about the management of Pupil Premium funding, and how parents/students can access this was discussed

OFSTED - IWI presented the findings from the most recent Ofsted inspection. Only 67 parents/carers had completed the questionnaires which feed back into the report, despite Parents/Carers from Parents' Forum group circulating the information. In the meeting parents/carers raised issues about general behaviour of students, including use of bikes and their road safety considerations.

Uniform: Parents' Forum was attended by two local ex-councillors who represented some parents/carers who had opinions of the introduction of college trousers but who were unable to attend the Parents' Forum meeting. The price of the trousers seemed to be causing concern in the local community. Parents/Carers in attendance agreed the trousers were good quality, a sample was available for parents/carers to look at, and a comparison price list had been provided. Parents/Carers discussed the need for uniform and how the minutes from the last meeting were not totally accurate as they did not reflect parent/carer feeling and the discussion about college trousers. One parent did raise concern about the cost when items go missing in college – however, this seemed to be an isolated incident and would be discussed further with the individual parents/student concerned. There was much discussion about how PP monies could help with families who are struggling to purchase the uniform. The opinion seemed to be that parents/carers did not like the tone of the letter in which they were told the trousers purchased from college would become compulsory, and that they would have perhaps preferred a letter asking for their opinions first, and to make it more explicit that this would be discussed at the Parents' Forum meetings. Parents/Carers asked why the slight change to the Blazer would mean that a perfectly good blazer could not be handed down to a younger sibling because of the detail to the pocket.

It was agreed that college would look to put in place a savings mechanism as part of ParentPay, whereby parents/carers can add funds as and when, in order to be able to pay for the uniform; HST also raised that we do have a savings bank in college, which some parents/carers were unaware of.

College was asked if they would consider joining with other schools to force a discount from the suppliers. However, this was not possible currently as schools arrange their own contracts with suppliers, whereas previously when the LA was involved across all schools it made it easier to discount at source.

Price and Buckland will be coming into college on 19th July to measure students so the correct uniform sizes can be purchased.

The majority opinion of parents at the meeting was that college purchased trousers would be a good move, the quality was good and the price was comparative to other stores/schools.

GCSE Media: Parents/Carers raised that the withdrawal of GCSE Media as an option was not carried out in an appropriate manner. Students were asked to make an alternative choice without consulting parents/carers and with no time to consider the options. Parents/Carers would have liked to have had a phone call and an evening to discuss with their child. IWI to discuss with SBI to ensure this is built in to discussions in future years.

