



**Wednesday 21 March 2018**

### **In Attendance**

4 parents  
Mr Hartnell  
Dr Lansley  
Mrs Davis  
Mrs Gunn

### **WELCOME**

Mrs Davis welcomed everyone and asked whether there were any issues.

A parent raised that she had not received a response to her questions about the latest progress review.

**Action:** LD to contact teacher

A parent was pleased to report that the food ingredients are available to view on the website but still concerned that not all homework is recorded on Class Charts especially if there are tasks set on SamLearning.

**Post meeting note:** The homework policy is currently under review and will include homework expectations as discussed at the last parent coffee evening.

### **PiXL PRESENTATION**

Mr Hartnell gave a brief explanation about PiXL. There are currently 1700 schools who work collaboratively. There are lots of shared resources available for schools including a Year 11 focus on the build up to exams. It is also a useful tool for data gathering.

Dr Lansley gave an explanation about a new resource 'Them and Us' which looks at the culture and ethos of the college community. Students are being introduced to this during the praise assemblies this week and work will begin during tutor time after the Easter holidays.

A parent asked whether this would be for all year groups. This was confirmed.

The video [Them and Us Launch](#) was shown which gives more information about the focus on helping young people understand the importance of demonstrating kindness, showing respect and living without harm.

This resource has been piloted in other schools, some have implemented within their SMSC (Social, Moral, Spiritual and Cultural) curriculum, some in subject lessons and some with individual year groups. Schools have reported that students have been engaged in community projects.

**ACHIEVEMENT \* ENGAGEMENT \* ENTERPRISE \* RESPECT**

**L E A R N I N G F O R L I F E**

Dr Lansley highlighted that the video mentioned about being in a crisis and our college community have been through a crisis recently when Mrs Lloyd passed away. Students were very supportive of each other and to staff which shows that they are capable of responding in the right way. The 'Them and Us' are some of the values that Mrs Lloyd stood for.

The plan is for tutors to use tutor time once a week to use the resources available which will prompt discussion and projects can be built into the SMSC and challenge days next year. An example given was random acts of kindness. Mrs Gunn reported that the Eco Heroes are looking for projects in the community now that Kershaw Adult Day Care Centre has now closed.

Dr Lansley showed an example lesson about controlling thoughts and highlighted that self-esteem is already covered as part of the drop-down Wednesdays.

House Progress Leaders, Mrs Warner and Mr Challen, will be taking a lead to aid transition and working towards breaking down barriers to integrate Year 7 on their first day here. A parent reported that she was pleased that the vertical tutoring system works as children in lower years are happy to talk to students in Year 11.

A parent asked whether there will be homework. It was confirmed that the work during tutor time will be discussion based.

The following suggestions were put forward:

- Why not introduce 'Them and Us' as part of the transition workshops.
- Introduce Bus Buddies so that students who travel to college by bus don't feel intimidated and know where they need to be.

### **ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS**

Parents were asked whether they had any other questions.

#### **When are the Year 7 subject consultation meetings?**

They will be held on Thursday 26 April from 3:30pm-7:00pm in the Communications block. The booking system will go live over the Easter holidays. A letter will be sent home to parents next week.

#### **Do students have to attend?**

It is a good idea for students to attend with parents as it helps discussions and students are able to help parents identify teachers.

#### **Do students have the same subject teachers when they move up a year?**

Not always, though in Key Stage 4 it helps to have the same teacher for the duration of the GCSE course.