

Parental forum – Oct 3rd 2024

Item	Discussion	Action
1. Rewards	MHO discussed the rewards system, giving rationale. Emphasis was placed on the input of the students in creating the categories and the prizes linked to the rewards. Parents agreed that prizes and reason for rewards were appropriate alongside the 'multiplier' and 'automatic' rewarding system. Parents were pleased with the new messaging system that sent notifications if their child has received Best in Class, a complete standards cards and star of the week/headteachers award.	Questions on consistency were raised. BHE/MHO acknowledge that this is an ongoing challenge in all large organisation. MHO will continue to update staff/socials with rewards data on a weekly basis during staff briefings. MHO also to feedback on subgroups of students to ensure an equal and fair spread of rewards are being issued.
2. Standards cards	MHO outlined the rationale regarding standards cards and academy focus on the positive aspect of the card. Discussions around how the cards linking to the academy key priorities of improving behaviour, getting students to think harder and improving literacy. MHO asked parents to support and focus on the reading at home section.	MHO to update cards for the next print with 'parent/staff' signature to replace 'teacher' signature. Consistency issued were discussed. Further concerns were raised over communication being one way and what the challenges of communication are. MHO/BHE acknowledge this is can at times be an issue. BHE to action DoLs to communicate with all parents to make it clear who their key contacts are.
3. Mobile Phones	Parental question - What is your view on mobile phones? As teachers MHO and BHE gave their feedback.	Parent suggested sharing extracts from 'The Anxious Generation' by J. Haidt to further inform parents and students of the issue surrounding mobile phone

	BHE shared suggestion of 'The how' in terms of implementation. Parents agreed the distraction of mobile phones needs to be removed – how we implement is not agreed unanimously by parents.	use, during the implementation phase. BHE confirmed this was already the plan. They also suggested the possibility of using Microsoft Forms to engage with the wider parental body.
4. Detentions	There wasn't time to discuss in detail however some generally issued where raised. Details of the reasons for detentions were not given on the communications home. BHE explained the pit falls of sharing this information however BHE confirmed that these will appear in the near future. Discussion about a possible parental bulletin.	More staff training before the new systems are 'rolled out'. BHE/MHO to have follow up discussion, there are potential reservations about this. Discussion needs to take place about what it would contain and its overall effectiveness and regularity.

Meeting Actions

MHO to create Parental Engagement section on the school website and share meeting minutes/slides.

MHO to share the minutes and slide on academy socials.

Letters from the DOLs to parents to outline the communication channels.

Weekly/fortnightly parental bulletin to be discussed and actioned as appropriate.

MHO to mention consistency of rewards and use standards cards as a standing item on staff briefing agenda.