

## **PARENT VOICE MEETING Monday 10 June 2019**

**ATTENDANCE:** S. Rice (Associate Principal), V. Shallow, P. Taylor (Chair of Academy Council & Sponsor Governor), Mrs Walker, Mrs Dales, Mrs Tranter, Mrs Pursley, Mrs Pursley.

### **WELCOME & INTRODUCTION BY CHAIR OF GOVERNORS**

Mrs Taylor welcomed those present to our Academy's termly Parent Voice meeting and thanked them for their attendance. There was some discussion about how easy it was to get to the meeting at 5pm and it was decided that, for the convenience of parents/carers a 6pm start would be tried.

### **PRESENTATION ON HEALTH AND SAFETY BY MISS VIKKII SHALLOW (Acting Lead Deep Support)**

- There are National and local concerns regarding the mental health of young people.
- Outwood Academy Bydales has been alerted to drug issues, internet/mobile safe use and addresses the health and safety of the students minds and bodies.
- Academy actions to address these with students:
  - Letters sent home
  - PCSO internet safety assemblies
  - Concerns from community members about the energy drink sales to students have been addressed by duty staff, in school and by local shops
  - VMG assemblies address mental and emotional health
  - An interactive website has been set up
  - Peer support by trained students available
  - The Life curriculum includes these issues using Targeted Youth Support, Eva, VMG projects, Chelsea's choice
- LA concerns about ecstasy use addressed in VMG time with a letter sent home
- There are excellent websites with details available on the Academy website e.g. NSPCC & Frank

### **ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE**

This provided an update on events at the Academy including:

- The **Year 11 examination season** has been well received by students with an average of 92% turning up at 7.30am for Breakfast revision sessions
- Thursday 20 June **Leavers Breakfast**
- Friday 21 June **Leavers' Prom** at Gisborough Hall
- **Kitchen was taken over** very successfully by 15 students who planned the lunch menu and logistics. This was sponsored by MFC providing opportunities for teamwork, resilience, initiative, organisation and leadership. There was a 270% increase in meal sales on the day.
- **Year 8 students are preparing for Graduation** at the beginning of July. Those still to show they are ready for this are on the 'Road to Graduation' and meet the Principal each week to discuss progress.
- **Battlefield Trip** – this was very successful.
- **Community relations and road safety** – Ms Rice reiterated that Churchill Drive should not be used as a parking area for those motorists dropping students off.
- **Support for students with Special Educational Needs (SEND)** – Ms Rice explained that awareness has been raised about the needs of a student with Tourette's syndrome with students and staff. Adaptations are made in school to support students with any special needs. ○ A Bydales has been praised for the way it supports children with SEND.

## **QUESTIONS FROM PARENTS/CARERS**

There was a question about permission being given for students to attend events where a football competition runs alongside a Flamingo Land visit. Ms Rice said she would look into this for future events.

A question was asked about student cyclists' behaviour on Churchill Drive and in other areas. Ms Rice has already agreed to a 'Deep Dive' to check student permits and behaviour on bikes. She added that some parking could cause problems for cyclists and that student safety is paramount.

## **CLOSING REMARKS**

Mrs Taylor thanked Ms Rice, Ms Shallow and parents/carers for their attendance and input. Parents/carers were assured that their comments and suggestions were valued, had been noted and, where appropriate, would be acted upon.