



Date: 15/01/2020

Present: Chris Dean, Ann Bourne

Item	Discussion	Action
<p>1. Communication</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The academy have appointed a new communications manager, Ann Bourne email a.bourne@HASLA.org.uk who is working to improve communication between the academy and the community. She will be regularly updating the Academy's social media accounts (Facebook, twitter and soon Instagram) with news and updates about what is happening at the academy. Please contact her directly if you have any ideas or questions about communication • It was agreed that there we would advertise parent's forum at all parents' evenings this year and give parents the opportunity to sign up if they are interested. • It would be ideal if there was some mechanism for parents to add agenda items for future parent's forum meetings. For now, please e-mail agenda requests to g.ferguson@hasla.org.uk 	
<p>2. Curriculum and Options</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A proposal for a new year 9 curriculum was shared and discussed • Views on the curriculum were positive. Parents were very pleased to see that IT is being reintroduced into years 7 and 8. 	

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- Parents would like the option for students to study a creative subject in the 'qualification' option slot
- It was agreed that, before the options process takes place a letter will go home to all year 8 parents explaining the process (before the year 8 parent evening), there will be an open event with a presentation to explain the process and give out options booklets and then, at least a week later, a parents consultation evening followed by the options deadline.
- Can parent's forum minutes please be added to the website?
- Some concerns were raised about the number of supply teachers. The academy leadership team are aware of this and are doing everything they can to minimise disruption to learning.
- Some concerns raised about toilet access at break times. Some of the younger students are not using the toilets because they feel embarrassed by older students who are hanging around in the corridors outside the toilet. Mr Dean has spoken to the team who are on duty next to the toilets affected and they will keep an eye on the area and move groups of older students on.