

**Meeting Parent's Forum Meeting:
held on Thursday 29/11/07
Meeting with Parents/Carers**

Discussion Item	Notes	Action – who/what
<p>Introduction and Welcome to the Parents Forum</p> <p>Rhod Campbell</p>	<p>RCC shared proposal for general constitution and it was agreed that there would be two meetings per term with an agreed format for the agenda. The location would be the school library.</p>	<p>Confidentiality – matters of a more personal nature should not be discussed at a Forum but a parent should request to meet with a member of staff to discuss their concern,</p> <p>Forum unanimously agreed to adopt constitution</p>
<p>School Developments</p> <p>Hugh Howe</p>	<p>Role of Full Governing Body – 6 parent Governors. First full meeting 4th December. Forum is a consultative group and a place where sharing of whole school development can take place. This term the school has been focussed on:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Creating a culture of learning 2. Standards – monitoring learning and teaching <p>Process of working through some key aspects of school in terms of daily operation. Looking to resolve some snags with the new build. Need to make adjustments to certain operations. Begun monitoring lessons as part of whole school self evaluation. Summary is that it has generally been a good start to life at TVS with keys to success embedding consistency into a learning culture.</p> <p>School day would figure in whole school review and there might be some adjustments next year to cater for the dark nights</p>	<p>Forum members to decide on a topic generated from the forum discussion</p> <p>Target setting – JLM/MG</p> <p>Feedback next meeting - HH</p>
<p>Media Arts</p> <p>Moira Green</p>	<p>Ms Green shared the Christmas Celebrations and updated on the national musical project called 'Sing Up'. TVS have been selected as one of only two secondary schools nationally to be pilot the project.</p> <p>School Uniform – Concerns raised about the quality of the jacket material and that the tie has to be dry cleaned.</p>	<p>Full 12 days of Christmas programme</p> <p>The tie can be put on a low temperature wash.</p> <p>Update (share info with parents) Parental letter home to remind parents about our uniform policy including jewellery and make up.</p>

	<p>Concerns raised that students still do not have a name/ smartcard</p> <p>'Plan It'</p>	<p>Info to be shared with parents about the schedule for smartcards.</p> <p>Parent letter about 'Plan It' to be placed on the school website</p>
<p>Enrichment Parent questions</p>	<p>Enrichment – choices and intervention Majority of parents echoed concerns that the experience was different to what they had been told it was going to be like. Challenges shared to support parent understanding Parent concerned that 'Bend it like Beckham' being shown and is not what they consider a quality exp.</p> <p>Key issue with enrichment was that parents saw great value in it and wanted it to continue and add value to their child's education at TVS</p> <p>SSS – only some subjects are setting SSS. Parents commented they do not see it at home</p> <p>Post 16 offer – discussion about curriculum offer and admissions to Year 12</p> <p>Musical Instruments – one student has been told he has to do music during enrichment</p> <p>Parental notification re dance activities</p>	<p>All parents want enrichment to remain for 2 days. It has to be a quality experience</p> <p>Letter re enrichment and SSS to be sent home at the end of term explaining full details of the programme and info on SSS</p> <p>Feedback on enrichment / SSS next time - HH</p> <p>Ms Green to follow up</p>
<p>LRD Letters</p>	<p>Tutors to give out the report if a student is missing</p> <p>Assessment process and targets not clear. Some spaces in some subjects. Targets showing minus and tutor unable to explain why the prior attainment and targets not accurate.</p> <p>Parents anxious about the lack of confidence tutors had in understanding the sheet</p>	<p>Further guidance for tutors on LRD Whole school training required via tutor teams</p> <p>Follow up with subject areas.</p>
<p>General observations / discussion</p>	<p>School day – rotating enrichment within the school day</p> <p>Communication home to school</p> <p>Accommodating students on 5 evenings</p> <p>Assessment for learning – Jan 08</p> <p>"A Parent Target Setting" guide</p>	<p>Review in line with school day consultation</p> <p>Outline on how to communicate, including senior tutor / tutor/ learning co-ordinator</p>

	Make up - glitter Lost property Trainers Name cards for students	SLT to pick up dress issues where appropriate
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Date of next meeting: **22nd January 2008** at 6.30pm for 6.45pm in the School Library