

The Parents' Forum
The Hereford Academy
Community Learning Centre
2 February 2010 7pm

Present:

Parents: Ms K Fitch, Mrs E Phillips, Mrs C James, Mrs C White, Mr Fitzpatrick, Mr L Attwood, Ms C Harding

Staff: Sally Kowal (SK), Rachel Cecil (RAC), K Baldwin (KB)

Apologies: Ms K Meany, Mr and Mrs Apperley, Mrs M Bufton, Mrs Matthews, Mrs McGowan, Mrs L Collins, Mrs H Small

1. SK introduced Rachel Cecil, Deputy Head and Keith Baldwin, Family Support Worker for Marlbrook and the Academy.
2. **Minutes from last meeting were read and agreed.** SK gave an update about community Fun Day on 28 Nov 2009 which was very successful. Another one is to be held in the summer term, with a carnival theme!

L.P.P.A- Assessors visit in December went well- actions points currently being worked on, including a termly curriculum newsletter and homework timetable.

Bingo- on December 3rd was very enjoyable and about 40 people attended. Excellent prizes donated by the community.

Healthy Food Group- now has a parent on the group, Kath Meany.
Action: CF to email Claire White minutes of healthy food group meetings.

Pamper Mornings- Promoted again, next meeting on 13 May 2010, 9am-11.30am in the Infozone at The Hereford Academy.

Diplomas- pack to be given to Claire White via Bethany
Mr Attwood asked when Police/Councilor to attend- **ACTION: SK to arrange for a future meeting.**

3. Keith Baldwin gave a very interesting presentation on E Safety, accompanied a handout and there was an interesting discussion about the subject. Those present requested an information evening to be held and all parents invited.

ACTION: SK to arrange E Safety evening for parents and publicise after half term.

4. Parents Access to E Portal

Rachel Cecil issued letters to parents/Carers present with their passwords and log in details. Everyone was able to log in and look at their child's E Portal page. Mrs Cecil explained about FFT data and predictions, which staff use for target setting. Those present thought this would be very useful information and would help them understand their child's progress.

5. Attendance policy

SK went through this and explained certain terms. Parents/Carers agreed with the content of the policy and felt attendance was a very important factor in their child's progress

6. Study and Skills club

This is still being held on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons- 3-5pm in the Infozone. It will be open to parents of students that attend on 11th February 2010 to discuss what it's for and what help it gives pupils attending.

7. PE- Parent/ Adult clubs

PE had suggested running a parent/adult session in the summer term and asked for suggestions. Suggestions included Bowls, Dance mats, Netball, Badminton, Pilates/Yoga, Horse riding, Rounder's (especially a match vs teachers) and Wii Fit sessions

8. Extra Curricular Activities

DIY and Beauty oversubscribed on a Monday evening 4-6pm

9. Health and Beauty course

Volunteers required on Wednesday and Thursday mornings
On Wednesday mornings, Year 10 Students will be offering mini manicures & mini facials.

Every Thursday, Year 11 students will be offering:

Full manicures & pedicures with paraffin wax

Eyebrow shaping

Eyelash & brow tinting (patch test required)

Eyelash perming (patch test required)

Make-up's

Waxing of eyebrows, upper lip, chin, face and underarms

Bikini & leg waxing.

To make an appointment please phone the school on 01432 355213 ext.158.

Males and Females required

10. AOB

Think Before You Post -SK gave out info on Think Before You Post- 12/02/10- internet safety event at Hedley Lodge 10-12pm or 2-4pm, contact Louise Jones on 01432 260 837 if you wish to attend.
Run by police officer, DS Martin Lakeman

Make it happen- government project to help children try new things that will help them at school and in life.
Money available for children eligible for free school meals or who are 'looked after'.
If you are interested and available please contact Extended Schools Coordinator Jo Williams 01432 364869 or
jwilliams@theherefordacademy.org.uk

Fit 4 Life- course at THA Community Learning Centre Thursday 10am- 3.30pm 25 Feb- 1st April 2010
If you are interested in working with children- this could be for you.
Contact Christianne- 01547 560021 or Liz Kelso 01432 342 075 for more details

Support for Parents

Help with problems and worries, free of charge contact 01432 260000
Parents@herefordshire.gov.uk

SK asked if any course would be helpful for parents with their child's learning and several parents requested support with English, Science and Maths, particularly KS4

Next meeting Tuesday 16th March at CLC 7pm,
(Please confirm your attendance with Charlotte-
cfreddi@theherefordacademy.org.uk)