



The Parents' Forum
The Hereford Academy Post 16 Centre
13 October 2009 7pm

Present:

Parents: Donna Williams, Lorraine Collins, Shawn Fitzpatrick, Les Attwood, Sue Matthews, Kim McGowan, Marie Bufton, Liz Phillips, Carol Harding, Claire White.

Staff: Sally Kowal (SK), Denise Boughey (DB)

Apologies: Sharon Giles, Mrs Apperley, Kim Fitch

1. SK welcomed parents and went through pack of information.

Minutes of last meeting:

- Courses at CLC
- Homework Club
 - Film Nights
- Course 4-6pm Health and Beauty and DIY Courses
- Personality Test
- Uniform, Make up
- Smoking

Minutes agreed as accurate

2. Calendar of Academic Year: in pack, also in planners.

3. Post 16 Centre:

- 70-80 students, vocational based courses.
- Students use centre during study periods, excellent ICT facilities.
- Post 16 leaflet → Course Details
- YA Courses explained, work placements. 50 days
- Aim for 200 in Post 16 by 2011 (New build)
- EMA and conditions of entry
- Parents had a look round Post 16 Centre

4. Community and Adult Learning:

L. Kelso provides courses and would appreciate if parents could suggest any additional courses they would like to see on offer at C.LC.

Courses being run out in the community this year under the Academy banner e.g. Yoga at Hinton

Suggestions we could run: ECDL as an evening course.

5. Parental engagement: Leaflet distributed

- Family Support Workers x 2.
- ADHD support Group set up by Keith Baldwin
- SK explained what we do as a school to engage parents
 - VLE Parents Website
 - Email 400 parents about events
 - AEN reviews- parents invited in
 - CAF- Common Assessment Framework support parents, students linked to outside agencies. Family Support Workers support families with agencies
 - EASL- Students who don't speak English, Polish Community Support Officer.
 - Classes in CLC for students and parents to learn together.
 - Drug proofing your kids course, run by Keith Baldwin
 - Dads and Lads Club- activities begin after Christmas
 - Young Carers Forum- Support for students. Family fun day organized by Young Carers
 - Bingo 3rd December to get parents and community involved (provisional date).
 - Healthy lifestyle trainers in weekly to advise on health matters
 - Leading Parent Partnership Award (LPPA)
 - Transition work. YR4 – 6
 - Survey for SEF once a year. Parents clinics. Healthy food group.

6. Health and Sport Week and Community Fun Day

DB outlined events taking place, especially Community day on 28/11/09. We need to publicise in community. Planning sheet issued.

Bingo probably to be on December 3rd- subject to confirmation. This was requested by some parents.

7. A.O.B

Parent requested chairs for KS4 students in assembly. Is this possible? SK explained there are issues with space and time to set chairs out and put away afterwards. Concern about uniforms getting dirty in wet weather.

YR9 BAF Diploma and GCSE Humanities. Some parents of YR9 students have received 2 letters from 2 different members of staff, each wanting their child on early entry courses. They don't know about how to advise their child and exactly what the implications are. Clarification is needed on this.

Extra curricular- 2 x YR7 parents were unaware what was on offer and asked for details. DB to look into and contact.

Parent asked if there had been alcohol in school. Bargain Booze has been stopped from selling for 21 days for supplying under age students. SK talked about procedures if this happened. SK to check and email all staff particularly about YR 11 students.

Date for next half term to be emailed:

17/11/09- 7pm Community Learning Centre