

NOTES FROM YEAR 10 PARENTS' COFFEE MORNING ON WEDNESDAY 1ST JULY 2015

What is going well at the College?

Given the recent hot weather, parents are pleased to hear that blazers are now optional for the remainder of the summer term. The strong stance taken on the reinforcement of the school uniform is appreciated, particularly with regard to the length of the girls' skirts (no more than 2cm above the knee).

The layout of the subject bases at the recent Year 10 parent information evening was much approved. Appointments were timely – if a parent requires more than 5-minutes with a teacher, then an additional meeting or telephone conversation is arranged.

Parents are pleased with the help and support provided by the College in preparing students for the future, and with the links that have been made with Exeter and Falmouth University.

Texts from the College advising that letters have been distributed to students and placed upon the College website are valued by those parents with mobiles and the internet.

The termly Head of Progress newsletters are informative and useful.

What improvements can the College make?

Action

Occasionally, the service buses operated by the First Group break down and students have been asked to make their own way home.

Cornwall Council to be advised of this situation as a matter of priority. The College will ensure that a policy is put in place, advising students of the action to be taken in such circumstances.

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Homework is not always posted on the homework diary.

Parents to contact the College when this situation occurs so that it can be followed up immediately with the individual member of staff.

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Class seating plans - well behaved students are sometimes placed next to disruptive students to balance the behaviour in the classroom.

Teachers to review the class seating plans regularly and, where needed, place disruptive students separately.

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<p>Parent evenings - parents are sometimes advised that the teachers do not need to see their child as they are well behaved, on target and doing well. However, parents would like to be advised of their child's strengths, and discuss how they can help them excel. Parents would also like an online booking service to be made available.</p> <p>The College rag-rates all student data across the respective year groups, and considers intervention measures for each individual student (academic/pastoral). The College also conducts structured conversations with every Head of Faculty and Head of Progress to review every child's need to ensure that they make full progress. Parents are encouraged to contact subject teachers prior to the parents' evenings if they have any concerns.</p> <p>Where teachers with multiple classes have to prioritise students who are falling behind, parents can request a telephone call for further advice about how to support their child to excel. The College will consider an online booking service for parents to make appointments.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>DBr</p>
<p>Sport - Year 7 students who have not experienced a wide variety of sport at their primary school are often not selected for the College teams.</p> <p>The situation to be discussed with the Head of PE.</p>	<p>DBr</p>