

Year 7 & 8 Coffee Morning – Minutes from discussion

Wednesday 8th February 2012

Points discussed	Comments from parents
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr Mason discussed the progress of year 7 and how they are performing in all areas including attendance, behaviour and attainment• Mr Mason discussed the use of Fronter in year 7 for homework and Mr Beneke pointed out the push by the College to improve homework standards across the year groups• Mr Beneke discussed the upcoming parents evening for both Year 7's and year 8's• Tips given as to how to manage parents evening given that last year there was an high turn out of parents for year 7 evening• Mr Beneke went through the assessment they will receive both in the post and on parents evening	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Wanted to know the format for NFER tests later in the year and what impact these would have on set changes</i>• <i>There were concerns around how their son log's on to Fronter which were explained by Mr Beneke & Mr Mason</i>• <i>If parents had the opportunity to log on to Fronter, there was overwhelming support for this idea amongst the group of parents</i>• <i>Most parents were looking forward to the parents evening</i>• <i>Most parents understood the assessment information and many discussed what the effort grade meant to their son's progress</i>

Further discussions:

- The use of parental access to Fronter was heavily discussed and all parents agreed that access could help their son.
- Many asked whether there was online technical support for Fronter
- **Detentions** – Parents were concerned that they were not being notified as to why their son received a detention and most asked whether staff could write in the students planner the reason for keeping their son behind for 20minutes, especially if it was after school
- Many parents liked the idea raised by one year 7 parent about the school starting up a parent pay system, where they can pay online for student lunches etc. Most felt that the school needed a means of electronic payment to pay for trips, especially if they were a large sum.