

Summary of Parent Forum Worcester Road Campus Wednesday 30th November 2016

Mrs Hooson introduced the evening

1. Curriculum Presentation – Mr. Wakenshaw

Mr. Wakenshaw outlined the changes to the assessment system for GCSEs nationally with English & Maths GCSEs being graded from 9 to 1 for the first time for the current Year 11 students. All other subjects this year will have the traditional A*-C gradings. For the current Year 10s the new 9 to 1 system will apply in all subject areas.

Mr. Wakenshaw outlined how Shrewsbury Academy is measuring attainment and progress in the new system without reference to new curriculum levels. The school based system follows the 9 to 1 grading system being introduced for GCSEs.

Parents' views on the new reports to be issued were also gathered and further parent views on this matter are welcomed in order to develop the reporting system to be clearer and more helpful to parents.

2. Behaviour Policy – Mr. Perks

Mr. Perks outlined the new Behaviour Policy and systems across Shrewsbury Academy. He referred to "P" points (Punctual, Prepared, Polite, Participate). Where students meet these expectations they are rewarded and where they do not meet expectations they are given a "P" point which is effectively a negative behaviour point.

There are also CARE points (Co-operation, Aspiration, Resilience, Excellence) points awarded by staff to pupils they deem to merit them.

3. Expansion of Corndon Crescent Campus

Mr. Pettengell outlined where we are up to with the expansion of the Corndon Crescent Campus. Pre planning permission has been sought for a 10 classroom expansion to the Corndon Crescent Campus. Some demountable classrooms would be required for September 2017 to accommodate the growing pupil population on this site.

Mr. Pettengell shared with parents that the school is now in a public consultation to reduce the Pupil Admission Number (PAN) from 237 to 187. This is planned to apply from September 2018. The PAN of 187 will lead to Shrewsbury Academy having 935

students on roll when full, currently there are 835 students across Shrewsbury Academy. The Local Authority would prefer Shrewsbury Academy to keep the existing PAN of 237.

Parents and students were invited to leave at this point unless they were parents of Year 9 students on the Worcester Road Campus.

4. A discussion took place regarding whether parents and students of Year 9 students currently located at Worcester Road Campus would prefer to move to Corndon Crescent Campus in September 2017 as planned or whether they would prefer to stay on the Worcester Road Campus in September 2017 either for a further 12 months or until they leave school.

The general view of parents was that they needed to know what the Option choices would be if the students (a) remained on the Worcester Road Campus or (b) moved to Corndon Crescent Campus. This would be a key factor in influencing their decision.

The general view seemed to be that parents would prefer students to stay at Worcester Road Campus or move to Corndon Crescent Campus for 2 years.

Mr. Pettengell and Mrs. Hooson agreed to issue Options information and a survey during the week commencing 5th December 2016. It was decided that each family would have one vote per Year 9 student e.g. if you have one Year 9 student on the Worcester Road Campus you would be entitled to one vote, if you have 2 students in Year 9 you would have 2 votes.

Parents should discuss with their children in light of the Options their preferences. The survey would be in the form of an online survey through Survey Monkey. The survey will be completed before the end of term.

The meeting closed at 7.38 p.m.

Mr. Pettengell & Mrs. Hooson