



# The De Montfort School

UNLOCKING YOUR CHILD'S POTENTIAL

## **Parent Voice Team (PVT) Meeting** **Tuesday 7 February 2017 at 6pm**

### **Present:**

Mr G Nichols, Headteacher  
Mrs F Lovecy, Deputy Head Teaching & Learning  
Mrs J Sampson, Business Manager  
Mrs C Kent, Vice Chair of Governor  
Mrs N Chambers, Librarian

### 1. Y6 Assessment Video

Parents were shown the TDMS video which explains how the y6 assessment works. All parents thought this was useful. The video will be made available to all parents via the website.

We have also produced a video which explains the new GCSE 9-1 system and how it works. We have already got 800-900 likes on our You Tube video.

### 2. Progress Reports

GN explained how the Progress Report system works. TD told the Parent Voice Team we have an end of year target at the end of each individual year rather than just one for the end of Y11. TD showed the PVT 2 different models of the Progress Report sheet. It was agreed that some small changes are needed to the new report to include the targets being in a table and in colour on the top of the report.

### **ACTION: TD to amend new Progress Reports**

With the recently published Progress Reports, they were not available on FROG on the date which had been published to parents as there was a technical problem.

### **ACTION: TD to check what happened with the release of the last progress reports**

GN had  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the y10 cohort that he spoke to in his 1-1 meetings who said their parents had not read their reports and about 50% of students had not read them. Could we have a read receipt to say they had been read?

### **ACTION: TD to investigate a read receipt on school reports**

GN said the standard of the reports was excellent and they had been proof read twice. Do parents know that paper copies are no longer sent out? We are looking as a school about how often we do assessments. We are thinking we may have less assessments but retaining the Attitude to Learning grades. The Local Authority have given some advice on this too. We think we may do assessments termly for all year groups apart from 6 and 11.

### 3. Evaluation of New Behaviour System

GN said in January we started a new tougher system for behaviour management in school. This met with very positive responses from parents.

GN said that following a detention issued by staff a restorative justice meeting is very important for students. Parents asked if the detention is structured rather than students sitting and not doing anything in that time. GN has spoken to certain staff about what students should be doing during detentions. For the students who get regular detentions a number have parents that also do not always engage positively with us. Could the teacher that sets the detention set some work for them or could students do something from a bank of work that is set ready for detentions? Parents suggested that perhaps the students who have got the detentions should apologise to their peers. GN will speak to SW about finding out what other schools do in detention time with their students.

**ACTION: GN to speak to SW for contact to be made with other schools about detentions and feedback to PVT at the next meeting**

Parents felt that students need support from their parents to improve their behaviour. Suggestion was made that we could ask the parents to come and sit the detention with their child or at the very least ensure parents collect them from schools.

### 4. Website Feedback

At half term we are launching our new website. We would like to send out some questions to find out if there is anything that the PVT think is missing from the website.

**ACTION: FL to email PVT a questionnaire about the new website**

### 5. A.O.B.

Governors discussed parental engagement at their last meeting. Should we start with the new y6 by asking parents to sign a contract to say they will attend different events? The parents need to sign this before their child comes to the school. This contract could be for y6 and y9 plus any new students who comes into the school at other year groups.

Parents were concerned that there was a poor response from parents for the y11 Parents' Evening at what is a crucial time for their child.

It was agreed that we should have a Sixth Form contract too. We have created a new packages for our current y11 going into the Sixth Form and we are expecting good numbers in our Sixth Form next year. It would be helpful for students and their parents to know and agree to the expectations before they start Sixth Form.

Suggestion from a parent that the y11 leavers have a sweatshirts. JS will look into the possibility of this.

**ACTION: JS to look into having printed y11 leavers sweatshirts**

### 6. Date of Next Meeting

❖ Tuesday 28 March 2017 at 6pm. All parents are welcome to attend.

Future Meeting dates

Tuesday 23 May 2017

Tuesday 11 July 2017

Mr Nichols thanked all the parents for their tremendous support for our school and thanked everyone for coming along tonight. Please invite other parents to join the group as we want as many parents as possible on our PVT so we maximise our improvements.

Meeting closed at 7.20pm