



# The De Montfort School

UNLOCKING YOUR CHILD'S POTENTIAL

## **Parent Voice Meeting** **Tuesday 12 January 2016 at 6pm**

### **Present:**

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

Mr Nichols welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### 1. Minutes of Meeting held on 01.12.15.

Minutes of the meeting held on 01.12.15. were read and agreed.

Mrs Winfield and Mr Dolan met re Progress Report letter.

Following the distribution of the Progress Reports we held an Information Evening for parents. Mr Nichols thanked the members of PVT who attended the Information Evening which was positively received.

Mr Nichols has had a positive reply from John Edwards following the letter he sent on behalf of PVT. Thank you for your contributions to the PVT letter.

### 2. Start of Term

Mr Nichols reported that we have had a very good start to the term. We realise we still need to continue to improve the regularity of homework being set but the online system does help us do this.

We have seen very positive behaviour from students.  
Clubs both at lunch time and after school are going well.

### 3. Parent View & Parent Survey Feedback

Mr Nichols showed parents the comparison data from Parent View for the period December 2014 to December 2015 which is very positive. The only area where "agree" outweighs "strongly agree" is homework.

The Chair of Governors visited school today for one of her regular meetings and she said the school is the best she has ever seen it. The quality of behaviour is outstanding at Middle School. Last week

there were 2 days out of 4 that there was not a single negative behaviour entry on the system. We decided to reward the students with an extra 5 minutes break time. The numbers of students in the High School receiving detentions is also really low.

Mr Nichols is seeing all the Y10 students at the moment and it is going really well and they are a lovely group of students. Mr Nichols said the 1-1 meetings he holds with students are very powerful. The Senior Intervention Tutors are so knowledgeable and supportive to the students.

We had a Learning Ambassador assembly for Y7 and Y8 students today and we have a large number of students in this role as they want to help each other and Y12 students are also supporting the younger students and it is really good to see.

Question 12 will be removed from the survey next time but Ofsted ask for this evidence for the first 18 months of new leadership being in post. The next questionnaire goes out in March. It was suggested that a couple of questions need to have a line in to say 'I have not had experience of this'.

Regarding Homework for French vocabulary, some parents said this homework really helps in the long run but other parents said it was very time consuming for students to complete

**ACTION: F Lovecy to follow up French homework with staff**

Mrs Lovecy shared the student voice information with parents which is very positive. Mr Nichols said behaviour can still improve as some year groups are less happy than others.

80% + of students are proud and Mr Nichols said it is important to keep topping up the value of students and keep reminding them how good they are. There is no doubt that our students really value the support they get from the teaching staff.

It was felt that the question on bullying should have a box to tick about never having any experience of that and some questions should perhaps be reworded for clarity, although they are the Ofsted style questions.

Mrs Lovecy has done a lot of work checking what homework has been set and if homework is not on the system it does not mean it has not been set.

3. PTA

Mrs Sampson explained that if we want to have a PTA or Friends of TDMS for the school we would need to have charitable status. Mrs Sampson outlined what would need to happen for this to be in place. Mrs Sampson has also taken advice from PTA UK and they have suggested how we might structure such a group of parents.

It was felt that parental commitment to such an organisation would be hard to maintain. Parents felt they would rather support the school through the Parent Voice Team.

Parents felt that non uniform days were a good way of raising funds although the school supports charities through these events rather than raising money for the school.

Suggestion was made to link with local businesses to see in what way they could support the school.

**ACTION: J Sampson to contact the Chamber of Commerce**

Suggestion was made that students could also be part of a committee to look at supporting the school.

4. Date of Next Meeting

- ❖ Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 6pm. All parents are welcome to attend.

Mr Nichols thanked all the parents for their tremendous support for our school. 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 7.35pm