



The De Montfort School

UNLOCKING YOUR CHILD'S POTENTIAL

Parent Voice Meeting **Tuesday 24th March 2015 6pm**

Present:

Mr G Nichols, Headteacher
Mrs C Kent, Vice Chair of Governors
Mrs F Lovecy, Deputy Head
Mrs J Sampson, Business Manager
Mrs B Beaumont, Assessment & Examinations Manager

Mr Nichols thanked the Parent Voice Team for their continued support.

1. **Progress Data Reports**

GN introduced Mrs Beaumont, from the Progress Team joining the meeting to explain about the new Progress Data Reports.

GN Progress Reports are not yet the finished item as we are still improving them to come up with the best system possible. We need the Parent Voice Team to keep voicing their concerns so that we can achieve the best possible report.

We have been looking at progress particularly in Year 7 and GN has met with English staff here parents would appreciate more information and advice to fully understand the report. GN wants to resist changing the red colour code as it has helped many pupils by encouraging them to work much harder. We appreciate we still need to work with parents to increase their understanding of the Progress Reports.

Mrs Beaumont explained that we have separated the new Reports so that English and Maths stand separately at the top.

Parents suggested that the child's forename be put into the KS2 SATS average column and also in the end of year 6 header and that parents need to know that targets are individually set for each student.

It is some of our more able Gifted & Talented pupils who have fallen foul of the new system at the moment but planned changes will alleviate the problem.

We will send out an information sheet with the new amended Progress Reports to explain the changes and we will be holding an additional Information Evenings for Year 7 parents on 23rd April 6.30-7.30pm and provide information regarding how to support progress in English and Maths.

Parents asked how quickly the data is turned round as occasional errors arise. Mrs Beaumont confirmed that the turn round time is very quick.

ACTION: Where a problem is highlighted parents should get a replacement report

ACTION: FL to check that staff are aware of the calculate button in SIMS for assessment data

2. Feedback from 'The Journey So Far' evening

We received good feedback from the meeting which 60 parents attended. Some suggestions about how we can make our evenings more appealing were made by a parent after the meeting. 'The Journey So Far' Power Point presentation is on the website under 'Head's Message'. We need to find ways to encourage higher parental attendance at events!

3. Communication

We are going to send more information out by email in the future and are doing some preparation work for this as not all parents have given us email contact details. This will be a much more instant way of communicating with parents.

The primary contact details need to be sorted out as some parents get text messages several times.

ACTION: JS to follow up why parents receive several text messages

4. A.O.B.

Parents were shown the new memory sticks for Years 6 and 11 as revision aids as they will have all the past papers on them. Parents asked if Year 10 could have the information now so that they can do some revision work over the summer.

There is an issue with some of the photographs on twitter as they can't be seen on all devices at the moment.

ACTION: Memory sticks for all year groups.

ACTION: Check Twitter photos

GN reported that he had been to a Pyramid Meeting today and some initial plans have been agreed in outline. More details will follow about this at a later date.

We have tracked the last 31 responses from Parent View between November and March. Some parents have moved from agree to strongly agree and the vast majority of new responses are strongly agree.

Mobiles at middle school - 2 mobile have gone missing. Some schools do not allowed mobile phones in school at all. We currently collect mobile phones in at reception but it is very time consuming. Students at the high school are allowed to have their mobiles with them but there are strict guidelines in place. Whatever decision we make parents will need to be aware that the school cannot be responsible for mobile phones.

ACTION: FL to check mobile phone procedures at other middle schools.

5. Parent Comment Stickers

FL – After Easter we are re-launching the parent comment stickers into students' books to again gather parental feedback.

The Journey So Far Meeting replaced the meeting where Mr Sandell was due to talk about the pastoral overview. Mr Sandell will come to the next meeting and we will also invite Miss Shepperd to talk about Learning Ambassadors.

6. Homework

Parents said their sons/daughters are still not bringing their books home to do their homework in and the practice of doing homework on pieces of paper is still in place in some classes.

ACTION: GN to revisit the issue of students taking their school books home to do homework

7. Date of Next Meeting

- ❖ Mr Sandell – Pastoral Overview and Miss Shepperd – Learning Ambassadors
- ❖ Tuesday 28th April 2015 6pm. All parents are welcome to attend.

Meeting closed at 7.25pm