

PCAB Meeting Notes – 8.11.22

Actions

Richard Wood's Presentation

- MA Vision.
- Key Drivers.
- Richard's vivid description for MA.
- What's happened since 2019?
- Recent staff developments.
- Recent developments.
- OfSTED: Strengths.
- OfSTED: Areas for development.
- So, what do we need to do as a school to give confidence / reassurances to you, so you know we are doing the best for your child?

Questions / Comments:

- 1) Why did national attendance dip, post-covid?

For some students, not being at school became habitual. Covid (positive tests). Mental health.

Can students who won't come in (mental health) be taught online?

We haven't moved to this – we feel this may encourage students to stay at home, meaning that some would miss out on other learning experiences (beyond teaching and learning).

Parent gave anecdote around their own child with anxiety during Covid. Parent keen to stress that the school was extremely supportive, and child is now recovering.

Comment made around some children's fear of their attendance %.

Agreed we need to get the balance right with this.

Lates query around follow up when there is a genuine reason and parent phones to explain.

VOW to address this with Attendance Team / gate staff.

Parent asked if students could be given adjusted attendance, where there are genuine reasons?

RWD suggested we can consider this.

- 2) Do some students get praise / rewards unfairly? Are they issued consistently?

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Agreed we have work to do around the consistency of House points being issued – **this needs to be tracked, whole school, at teacher level**, so that children are not disadvantaged if some teachers give points with consistency, and some do not.

- 3) When do you think OfSTED will come back again?

2026. But we could invite them back prior to 18 months.

- 4) Will parents be updated on the 'journey' towards the vision?

Agreed we should consider how this can be communicated in the most effective way, over time.

Explained our Enrichment offer needs to grow – **agreed to consider how Mental Health support could be an Enrichment Opportunity too.** Discussion around the student Personal Development Ambassadors that are about to be appointed.

Personal Development Reading to be considered as an agenda item for a future meeting.

- 5) Why are Parents' Evening online still?

We have surveyed parents previously: 80% of parents wanted to keep parents' evenings online. **Agreed to ask parents again – acknowledged we will not please everyone with either option.**

- 6) Parental Communications raised as a concern – overload / too many different methods

Acknowledged that this is something we know we need to improve – keen to have this as a PCAB agenda item, to gain parent voice and move forward in the best possible way for all stakeholders.

Praise for reception staff: many parents wanted to praise their work and support.

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- 7) Is homework set with consistency, particularly for KS4? Can one app be used so there is absolute clarity for parents / students?

Agreed we have not got this right yet – tracking and monitoring needs to be rigorous and KS3 Model needs to be reviewed, following its launch. Homework Review to be considered as an agenda item for a future meeting.

- 8) What community initiatives are the school involved in?

Maltby Lions – Christmas Events.

Local food bank.

About to choose a local charity to be our focus for this academic year.

Litter Picks.

Hallam FM's Mission Christmas.

RUFC Community Projects.

Let us know what else we can do!