

Meeting Tuesday 3rd May, 7pm in the Staff Room

School Reps: Paula Simmons and Anita Mannan (PS and AM)

Secretary: Not in attendance (ADM took minutes)

Apologies: Janet Grimes
Georgie Hopkins,
Alison Jerrard

FOR SECRETARIES

Janet Grimes and Clare Brooks were named as the new FOR Secretaries, to share the role. One of them will also take over being a signatory on the FOR account in place of Fiona Sayer who we thank for all her years of help and support.

QUIZ DE-BRIEF 2016/2017

People who attended the meeting discussed the results of the last quiz night. Although over £500 was raised it was still only £40 more than the previous year. The following decisions were made for next year's quiz to try and raise numbers who attend and thereby funds:

1. Fish and chips will be served over curry next year.
2. PS/AM will look into other more convenient ways for parents to purchase tickets (possibly via parent pay)
3. A single rider table or year table maybe organised for the 2017 event.
4. School will arrange a form to be issued at all Aspiration Evenings across the year groups for parents to complete if they wish to join a parent network for their year group. This will enable parents to arrange events with other parents if they so wish, i.e.: create a year table for the quiz night. It will also be arrange by FOR, for a speaker to talk at the aspiration evening to encourage more involvement/volunteers but also to persuade them to sign up to the scheme.
5. PS/AM will also check that the FOR general meeting invites are sent to the whole school and not just those who have asked to be sent it. This will ensure we reach as wide a community as possible.

SCHOOLS UPDATE

SSAT AWARD

PS started by talking about another SSAT award that we received for outstanding results in 2015, which was collected by the school Tuesday 3rd May.

YEAR 9

Year 9 option choices are done and generally the feedback has been good. A small amount of students didn't get all their choices but seem to have had all their issues resolved satisfactorily.

RR6

RR6 has had its biggest ever application of first choice places at 221. If that translates to the expected 170 it will be our largest 6th form to date. In the current Year 13 there are 3 conditional offers to Oxbridge and 4 conditional offers to medical school. There is also a high level of Russell University offers on the table for other students.

STUDENT AWARDS

One of our Ricards girls Roxanne El-Hady was named UK Young Scientist of the Year for her investigation into climate change in South Wales. The judges commended her project, which discovered instances of rapid climatic variation over an 8,000-year period. We are very proud of her.

NEW YEAR 7

The new intake of Year 7 due to start in September is our biggest ever intake of first choice places. AM has started the interviews and has been extremely impressed by the enthusiasm and attitude of the year group she has met so far.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Wednesday 18th May

5pm – 6pm **Changing Minds**

A production in the drama studio that would be great if people are able to attend to create a small audience for them

7pm to 9pm **Dance Showcase**

FOR have been asked to run a bar beforehand and during the interval

There has been no school musical this year due to a large number of exam based performances, more than normal, which has meant that logistically it has not been possible to produce a quality piece of work this year. For the coming years there are discussions to do a KS3 based production to ensure all year groups have access to performance of some kind in the future.

Next FOR Meeting: **Tuesday 12th July, 7pm, in the staff room**