

## Minutes of MRC Parents Meeting

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2018

### Committee:

Chair – Anita Haigh, Vice Chair – Angela Tysoe, Secretary – Hilary O’Sullivan,  
Treasurer – Judith Balcombe ; Staff/SLT Link – Paul Thompson

1	Attendance	Action
	Thanks to all those who sent in their apologies in advance of the meeting.	
2	Notes from last meeting	
	<p>Available on MRC Parents webpage. Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Angela Tysoe (Vice chair) gave an update on progress with sponsorship and plans for the Fireworks event in November</li> <li>• Mr Edwards gave a presentation on the current challenges to funding the college’s work.</li> </ul>	
3	Matters Arising	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>	
4	Communications	
	<p><u>Successes and priorities:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Edwards, the Principal, outlined the successes of the previous academic year. He highlighted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Values – embedding these across the College. The MRC pebbles display on the approach to the school entrance is a visual reminder of these</li> <li>○ Community engagement – examples are the Community Day and charitable fundraising. The whole school walk for Chestnut Tree Hospice raised £6500.</li> <li>○ Enrichment – the importance placed on educating the whole child seen in the enrichment programme and the Summer activities week.</li> <li>○ Academic achievement – improved Year 11 GCSE performance from the previous year, and excellent A level results. Many subjects showed well above average attainment. In the top 10 % nationally.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Priorities outlines include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Consistency of expectations</li> <li>○ Continuing to raise standards</li> <li>○ Developing staff leadership (now recognised as a hub for SLT training)</li> <li>○ Developing student leadership (with dedicated staff to support)</li> <li>○ Improved communication</li> <li>○ Community engagement (lower costs for hiring facilities to make it a more attractive proposition)</li> <li>○ Outward facing culture</li> <li>○ Be in the top 10 (preferably the top) in West Sussex for school performance.</li> <li>○ Offer a fully rounded education</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Questions/comments from the floor included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ issues with receiving emails</li> <li>○ checking of homework and how parents can better support the new system.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ concerns about the current pressure on Year 11 students and the need to support their mental/emotional health. (6<sup>th</sup> form mentors to be assigned after half term?)</li> <li>○ Importance of teaching children First Aid skills and financial capability.</li> </ul>	
<b>5</b>	<b>Events</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Fireworks</u> – Angela gave an update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Advance tickets available via Eventbrite (see College website) £15 family ticket. Advance sales preferable to give an idea of numbers for catering.</li> <li>○ Timetable – gates open 5.30pm, 7.15pm – fireworks display, 8-8.30pm close &amp; clear up. Any volunteers to help see Angela</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<b>6</b>	<b>AOB</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suggestion for Forum topic – Managing stress, both from a parental and student perspective.</li> </ul>	
<b>7</b>	<b>Dates for the Diary</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Fireworks event</b> – Fri 2 Nov (reserve night Fri 9 Nov)</li> <li>• <b>Next Forum</b> – January/Feb, Date <b>tbc</b>. Refreshments will be provided.</li> <li>• Any suggestions for agenda items to Chair, Anita Haigh: <a href="mailto:anita.haigh@mrc-academy.org">anita.haigh@mrc-academy.org</a></li> <li>• <b>Quiz Night</b> – Fri 22 March</li> </ul>	