

## **Parent Council News - Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June 22**

### **PE**

As agreed at the previous meeting, Amy Bird, Head of PE, attended the next meeting to discuss the current provision of PE and extra-curricular opportunities.

Ms Bird explained that the sports change every term in line with local fixtures. Pupil's are given questionnaires to ascertain which are the most popular options.

It has been difficult to re-engage students with sport post Covid as many have become unused to staying behind after school to play any given sport, but the PE department is working hard to overcome this. This has not been helped by the sports hall being out of use due to exams. Following discussions, the school will explore how to make greater use of the Leisure Centre.

Sixth form sports options were discussed as was the Sports Ambassadors programme. Ms Bird will explore opportunities for the sixth form to become more involved with sport in younger year groups.

It became apparent during the meeting that students do not always pass on information about sporting opportunities and afterschool clubs so it was agreed that there will be a move to improve communication. The termly timetable shared with students will be sent to parents and better use will be made of the website and the school's texting facility.

Ms Bird will also approach the orienteering group to ask if it is possible to allow students to participate in pairs to make it more of a 'fun' activity.

### **Parents' Evenings**

Discussion about parents' evenings. School has recently sent questionnaires to parents and teachers about their preferences for parents' evening; whether they should be on line or in person. It was agreed that online parents evenings can be more convenient and there is no queuing up to do. However it was felt that the personal touch can be lacking and it can be frustrating when the technology doesn't work or 5 minutes slots are not long enough. Additionally, some parents were unable to secure appointments in some subjects. School will shortly publish it's decision, having considered the views of all stakeholders.

### **Literacy and Oracy**

At the next meeting Alison Smith (Lead Practitioner - Excellence in the Classroom) will attend the meeting to inform the Parent Council of the school's work with students on oracy and literacy.