



RECORD OF MEETINGS

Meeting Title: Parent Council



Present: MHa; ASm; Mrs Baines; Mrs Knowles; Mr Clegg; Mrs Douglas; Mrs Burr; Mrs Roberts; Mrs Hodgson

Apologies:

Date of Meeting: 21.9.26

Agenda Item	Who	Discussion Points
New attitude to learning grades and targets	MHa Parent MHa Parent MHa Parent MHa Parent MHa Parent MHa Parent MHa Parent MHa Parent MHa Parent MHa Parent MHa Parent ASm Parent MHa	Discussed the rationale for the new ATL and the decision not to share targets at KS3 Is this UVHS policy or a national policy? This is something that we have devised for KS3 When does KS3 go up to? Year 9 What are the points that are coming through? 3 points for doing everything that is expected. 4 and 5 points for students who are going above and beyond How does the points system work for students who have SEND? Staff have to be flexible and respond to the student in the situation Do students get points every lesson In theory It seems like a big ask for teachers How can y7 parents see what students have been awarded? It is developing as we migrate systems Are students in double lesson getting double points? Students in a year group all have the same number of double lessons so it equals out across the week Have you scrapped the "floating reference"? We are making changes to it How often do we get the progress reviews? Twice a year, plus one with a written report. And a parents' evening. What about behaviour points? They exist as a mechanism for us to track patterns but are not a sanction in themselves. What about points on teams for homework? They are a function of teams rather than a thing that we use. When do people start picking up patterns in the data? We look at patterns when data comes out – we generate a watch list based on concerns.
Mobile phones	MHa	We have been told by the Government how we are to handle mobile phones from September 2026. There are a range of approaches to this, but we have adopted the "off and in your bag policy".

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	Parent MHa Parent MHa Parent MHa	The flaw in all of the systems is that students may not comply. OfSTED will look at this in inspections. At the moment, most students are complying. It is not a massive difference in the rules. The sanction is much greater: - First offence – removal until the end of the next day Some parents have needed to be shown the legislation but most have been supportive. Son says he needs his phone on clubs days – can we ensure that communication about clubs is via SS so that this is not necessary? Yes. There are some safeguarding issues with a complete ban. MHA will consider how to ensure that communication comes from school re: clubs/buses We usually know if a bus is late in the evening but not necessarily in the morning. Is it true that students are allowed to take their phones on trips, except canoeing? MHa to follow up Will clarify issues around payment via phone
Supply teachers	Parent MHa Parent Parent	Are students in year 10 and 11 going to have as many substitute teachers as they have had in the past? We have always prioritised KS4 groups. We have a small number of staff who are long term sick but this is much better than it has been in the past. The pull of BAE must have an impact. Must also affect recruitment of support staff
SEND	MHa	There are significant issues with the new SEND white paper, as well as the curriculum and how appropriate it is for the needs of the students.
AOB	MHa	The start of the year seems to have been going well. Meet and greet on the gate is positive.

Meeting closed: 17.54