

Parental Questions and Responses: Tutor PCEs 2014

Please find below questions which were posed at the Tutor PCEs in September 2014, and the responses from school.

Year 7

Could we have a letter or booklet with all the clubs in it?

- We think this is a good idea; we are looking into it and will aim to produce a version in the near future.

Year 8

Are there any plans to improve the girls' toilets?

- One set of toilets (male and female, next to room 82) have been updated over the summer break, and have now re-opened.
- Further improvements to toilet facilities are planned to take place, at the rate of at least one set of South Site toilets to be refurbished each academic year.

Year 9

Could we get the information conveyed during the meeting in written form? / Is the Powerpoint available to share with partners / friends not able to attend?

- The slides from the presentation have been uploaded to the school website, and we've adapted it slightly so that the meaning / messages to accompany the slides is clear.

Does the Year 9 football team have set matches / fixtures?

- At present, the football team is entered in the ESFA schools Cup and the Oxfordshire County Cup. Fixtures aren't pre-set as it depends how the tournament works out. Mr Busby, as new Head of PE, is keen to arrange for a more formalised programme of fixtures and is raising the matter with the City Heads of PE group.

What support is available for aspects of transition such as teenage angst/ stress / moods / doubt?

- Year Leaders / Deputy Year Leaders / Kim Young (Inclusion and Attendance Officer) are available and experienced in talking to and helping students who are feeling anxious or stressed.
- We also have school counsellors who students can make ask to see via talking to their Deputy Year Leader, or we may suggest that they do so if appropriate.
- There is a Peer Support programme for Year 7, in which students are guided and mentored
- There is a Mindfulness group which runs each Monday from 3.20 in Music 2 on North Site, where students can learn techniques to promote calmness and avoid anxiety.
- Groups are run on self-esteem / anger management from the Inclusion Centre on South Site.

Year 10

Can students do Maths GCSE earlier than the end of Year 11?

It may be possible for students who attain very highly in mathematics to take the GCSE at the end of Year 10. This is decided through agreement with the Maths Faculty; please contact your child's teacher in the first instance if you feel an early entry may be appropriate for your child.