

PTFA Meeting (Microsoft Teams)				
MINUTES				
17/03/2022, 6:00pm - 7:00pm				
Chair:	Ms. Grover			
Attendees:	See separate tab			
Agenda Item		Who	Deadline	Completion
1. Welcome	Ms. Grover welcomed all attendees to the fifth PTFA meeting of the school year.			
2. HT's updates : Mrs Manderson M Block	M block! We have finally been successful in our bid for funding the removal of M Block, and for it to be replaced with new build.			
UK Maths Challenge	Junior Mathematical Challenge Awards 25 students from Years 7 & 8 took part in this year's Junior Mathematical Challenge on 28th April 2022, with 18 students awards.			
Trips	Trips there are more happening! Including Year 9, so slowly we are increasing trips. Trips to St. John's, Oxford, Years 9 and 10 to Thorpe Park, Years 7 & 8 to Adventure Island amongst others are to come.			
Jack Petchey Speakout Challenge	Congratulations to our Year 10 student, who came second in the regional final, which took place at Rooks Heath.			
Staffing	We have made some successful recruitments.			
Behaviour Review	Three main areas of behaviour refocus were determined as non negotiables: Be Ready (for learning) · Be Respectful · Be On Time Assemblies are in place, delivered by Mrs Manderson to introduce the 3 Be's ready, respectful and on time and changes after half term.			
School Day	Split lunch and breaks will go back to one break and lunch for all after half term. For September we will be amending the structure of the school day. More information to come.			
NTP	National Tutoring Programme, Academic Tutoring in place			
Challenges	Staff absence			
3. Mr Williams AHT. Head of Year 8	Green Team update. Year 8s are very enthusiastic and keen to get involved. Plans include making a sculpture out of plastic bottle tops; making a greenhouse from used plastic bottles; having plants in each room; having an outdoor space for planting.			
4. Mrs. Fernandes	1. Most Able meetings for Year 9?			
	<i>Mrs Manderson/Ms Grover will follow-up</i>	<i>HG</i>	<i>18.5.22</i>	<i>From Mr Macaulay: Year 9 Most Able sessions will take place after half-term.</i>

	2. DoE - any update?			
	<i>Mrs Manderson: not yet re-advertised, as recruitment is very heavy at the moment. It will be re-advertised later this term.</i>			
	3. End of Year Exams - how are students being prepared for these?			
	<i>Ms Grover: assemblies and tutor time activities will be delivered, to help students with revision and planning. Subject teachers will aim to provide revision topics prior to half-term.</i>			
	4. Opportunity at St. John's College, Oxford: will send through a link for their pre-GCSE day programme			
Mr. Alavi	Staff absence (7W form tutor).			
	<i>Ms Grover: The member of staff is due back after half-term</i>			
	Change to lunch arrangements - will there be enough time for students to eat?			
	<i>Mrs Manderson: Yes. They will have longer to eat. Year 7s will still go in earlier than the older Year Groups. The hall food outlet will re-open. We are also looking to get a new food outlet in another area of the school.</i>			
Mrs. Balogun	Toilets. Still very dirty. Students vaping. All in all, a very unpleasant area for students.			
	<i>Mrs Manderson: A meeting has just been arranged to take place this week with senior teachers, to finalise our plans for how toilets should be used and maintained by students. The vaping problem, we hope, has been resolved. Our priority is to safeguard children and allow them to go about their day with dignity. We are looking at locking the toilets during lesson time and having key access from staff. Challenging circumstances, as the toilets are not all easy to monitor.</i>			
	To Mr Williams: have you received the letter from the physio?			
	<i>Mr Williams: Not yet. Will look out for it.</i>			
Mrs. Vijayathanan	Is there Work Experience for Year 11, at the end of their exams?			
	<i>Mrs Manderson: No. Work Experience has usually taken place in Year 10 but we have not been able to provide this, due to Covid. Online Work Experience is not worthwhile. We have an Assistant Headteacher, in charge of STEM and Careers. We hope to organise w/exp for next year. However, we advocate students finding their own placements, out of term-time, and letting us know.</i>			
Mrs. Brown	Year 8 trip to Adventure Island. Only 125 places - what happens if more want to go?			
	<i>Ms Grover: It is a combined Year 7 and Year 8 trip. Both Ms Grover and Mr Williams are setting the criteria, as to which students may take part. We want to take students who will uphold the values of the school, while on the trip. Students who need close monitoring of their behaviour may not be able to take part. If numbers are still more than 125 per Year Group, names will be drawn out of a hat.</i>			
	Please pass on my thanks to Mrs Boakes, who was very helpful and efficient when her daughter returned to school after an accident.	HG	18.5.22	<i>Mrs Boakes appreciated the recognition.</i>

