DOOKS HEATH SCHOOL	PTFA Meeting (Microsoft Teams)			
Strive to be your best				
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	29/11/2022, 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 meeting.			
2. HT's updates : Mrs. Manderson				
IT issues	A letter has recently been sent home to parents/carers, about the current situation. Thank you to the parents who have offered to help. Hopefully we will have this resolved in the next few weeks.			
6th Form Open Evening	This took place in October and was very successful. Senior Leaders and other selected staff met with identified students and their parents in advance of the meeting. In future, we will give KS5 taster lessons.			
Celebration Evenings	These had to be postponed, due to the extreme heat at the end of the Summer Term, and were held successfully.	,		
Health Champions	Our Health Champions promote healthy habits, and represented the school at Harrow Civic Centre.			
Year 11 mock exams	We bought in a revision sessions provider before half-term. The Teaching & Learning drive includes how to help students to learn and revise for exams.			
Attendance drive	We are just above the national average, but our figures still fluctuate.			
Extra-Curricular	The clubs booklet has been published onto our website and shared with parents. It is important that our students have access to a wide experience of cultural capital			
Teacher's strike	There is potential strike action. Unions will receive ballot responses in January.			
Maths	We are still in the same situation regarding staffing. There is still a recruitment process for this and other roles.			
Mandarin Excellence Programme	The MEP has been launched with identified Year 7 students. It is an intensive course, and is funded. There is a possibility of a trip.			
3. Parents				
Mrs T Brown	The Choices (clubs) booklet is great. Will there be residential trips?			
	Ms Grover: There is a possibility of a short residential for Year 8 and/or Year 9 in the Summer Term.			
	Will there be a Parent Surgery?			
	Mrs Manderson: Yes, from January. In the meantime, please contact Mr Williams if it is an urgent matter.			
	Will there be another Quiz Night?			
	Ms Grover: If there is demand, then yes!			

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Mrs H Patel	Is the MEP for just for Year 7 Mandarin students?		
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	Mrs Manderson: Yes, but just for a selected number. These students have been identified by looking at their prior data.		
Mr H Idriss	Son is in Year 12. Has just received his report, and is concerned. Is this indicative of his future performance?		
	Mrs Manderson: It is a big jump from Year 11. Many assessments take place this term. The Spring Term of Year 13 is crucial. A good starting point for a conversation with your son is to address his current grades and to find out what he needs to do to improve.		
	Has a younger son in Year 7, who wants to join RHS. How can they go about this?		
	Mrs Manderson: You will need to apply to the Local Authority.		
Mrs L Tucker-Douglas	Teacher strike action. For how many days will it last? When will it take place?		
	Mrs Manderson: It is too early to say. Information will come from the unions in January.		
Mrs A Fernandes	Maths teacher - will there be a permanent replacement? How can we, as parents, help?		
	Mrs Manderson: We will only appoint if there is a suitable replacement. Until then, there are plenty of high quality online resources, e.g. Oak Academy & You Tube		
	Year 9 Most Able - there does not seem to be much happening.		
	Mrs Manderson: Lots of activities are in the pipeline. Certain organisations have limited numbers. E.g. St John's College Inspire Programme. We will chase this up with our Most Able co-ordinator re. provision in Year 9.	Mr Wilson	Mr Wilson will attend the next PTFA meeting to address this and provide an up-date
	Has not received Year 10 son's Autumn Report.		
	Ms Grover: These should have gone out to parents. Will investigate.	Ms Grover	As a consequence of the IT issues, reports were dealyed. The Year 10 reports were sent home in the middle of December.
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Mrs Annadanum	Family is new to the country, and so had a few questions.		
	How do the GCSE courses work?		
	Mrs Manderson: They are two year courses, with external exams at the end of Year 11.		
	Can you please explain the Triple Science course?		
	Mrs Manderson: Year 10 students will go into Triple Science in Year 11 if we have evidence that they can handle the rigour of the Triple Science course.		
	Are there any inter-school sports fixtures?		
	Mrs Manderson: Yes. Our teams are mostly very successful. The sporting fixtures depend on the season. Son should speak to his PE teacher if he is interested.		
	Has not received the Year 10 Autumn report		
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	Ms Grover: Students who join mid-way through a term will not have enough evidence of class work, homework or assessments.			
	Who can I contact about the Most Able programme?			
	Mrs Manderson: We identify students based on their KS2 data. Otherwise, students are recommended as and when, following assessments.			
	How can I get Music concert tickets?			
	Ms Grover: These can be bought on Parent Pay			
Mr K Alavi	Will GCSE Master Classes run until May?			
	Mrs Manderson: Yes. They are very popular and well-attended. We will analyse the mock results and action accordingly.			
	How many A Levels can students take?			
	Mrs Manderson: The maximum is four.			
Mrs R Rastogi	Only 15 of the Year 9 Most Able students were picked out for an extra-curricular activity. Son was very disappointed. Will there be other activities?			
	Mrs Manderson: We will find out more. Activities are usually open to all Most Able students, but numbers may be limited in some cases.	Mr Wilson		Mr Wilson will attend the next PTFA meeting to address this and provide clarification
	Son was ill last week and was worried about missing lessons. Teams is not up and running.			
	Mrs Manderson: There is currently no system available to provide absentee work. He will need to approach his teachers to catch up.			
	Has contacted school, but has not received a response from Mr Williams.			
	Mrs Manderson: This could be because of the IT systems catching up. She should receive acknowledgement to her concerns.			
4. End of meeting	Ms Grover thanked all for attending. The meeting closed at 7:00pm.			
	The next meeting will be in school on Wednesday 25th January. Please note that this date has been changed from the 31st January.			
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