

	PTFA Meeting			
	MINUTES			
	24/09/2024, 6:00pm - 7:30pm			
Chair:	Ms. Grover			
Attendees:	See separate tab			
Agenda Item		Who	Deadline	Completion
1. Welcome	Ms. Grover welcomed all attendees to the first meeting of the school year			
2. Headteacher's updates				
Summer term events	A very busy and successful summer term: trips, New Intake Day and Evening, Year 11 Prom, Year 12 work experience, Chinese visitors, 50th birthday celebrations, Culture Day, whole school picnic, and sporting achievements.			
Autumn Term, so far	Very good summer exam results, opening of T Block, various refurbishment works have taken place, Open Evening, IQM (we continue to be a centre of excellence), positive parental partnership.			
3. Parents				
Mr Alavi	Both sons are fine			
Mrs Suresh	Both daughters are very happy at the school			
Mrs Jouahri	What can be done about the lack of a football pitch? <i>Mrs Manderson: Our space is limited, but we do have use of the Drake Park for some PE activities</i>			
	Can there be a new system of providing food tech ingredients? Maybe parents pay a fixed amount at the start of the year for essential ingredients? <i>Mrs Manderson: Parental contributions have not been forthcoming in the past. We will revisit this with the Head of Department.</i>	<i>HG with Head of DT/Food</i>	<i>ASAP</i>	<i>It would not be feasible to prepare and divide out that volume of ingredients into individual portions for each lesson. Also not all parents would or could pay the amount required, which could make it impossible for the school to afford the practicals. We have worked to make the recipes have good variety and interest for the students, whilst covering what is needed, but with the lowest cost we can. We do still give out some key ingredients/basics, and we provide things if students have forgotten something. We also will provide for students from low-income families who have requested support. We also provide some of the ingredients for KS4.</i>
	There is a lack of information and not many newsletters <i>Mrs Manderson: Our social media is very full of news and information. Otherwise, newsletters are published termly. It is emailed to all parents and uploaded to the website.</i>			
Mr Emmanuel	Daughter is fine. No issues.			
Mrs Wong	Son is happy to move into Year 12. Very happy with the masterclasses that were offered last year. Will there be more in Year 12? <i>Mrs Manderson: We will invite the Head of 6th Form to one of our future meetings. Masterclasses depend on Year Groups and subjects.</i>	<i>HG with Head of 6th</i>	<i>ASAP</i>	<i>Date to be confirmed</i>
Mrs Bartechevivi	Concerns about last year's science teacher's absences. Lateness - when is a child marked late? <i>Mrs Manderson: Late marks, even for one or two minutes, are entered, as per procedures.</i>	<i>Parent advised to make appointment with Head of Year, as issues were particular to her child.</i>		
Mr Mohiuddin	Is there any online tuition this year? <i>Mrs Manderson: There is no more funding for this. We need to prioritise how to spend the budget we have. However, we will investigate.</i>			

