

PTFA Meeting on MS Teams				
MINUTES				
18/3/2025, 6:00pm - 7:00pm				
Chair:	Ms. Grover			
Attendees:	See separate tab			
Agenda Item		Who	Deadline	Completion
1. Welcome	Ms. Grover welcomed all attendees			
2. Headteacher's updates				
Incident in South Harrow	Attendees were given an update and reassurance. The boys are recovering well. Our students responded maturely to the news and are back on track. Thank you for all the support and kindness from parents. We have had very good support from the police.			
6th Form progress data	Rooks Heath is top of the league table for all Harrow schools (independent and state) for its progress measure at Key Stage 5. This means that our Year 13 leave the 6th Form with better than expected grades, allowing them more choices as they move on to the next stage of their lives.			
3. Ms Grover	A request for any parent and their child(ren) to be photographed for the front page template of the Staying Connected newsletter.			
	Attendees were shown the revamped Year 7 Transition page on the school website, with a list of FAQs. The PTFA was thanked for suggesting this, and it was agreed that this would be very helpful for new parents/carers. We welcome additional FAQs, to add to the ones already there.			
4. Parents				
Mrs Rastogi	Thank you to the school for everything it has done for son since he joined in Year 7. It has been an amazing journey.			
	A levels - are there any 6th Form information evenings? What support is there for students entering the 6th Form? What does the school do to help with the all round development of the child? Is there work experience?			
	<i>Mrs Manderson: All Harrow Collegiate 6th Form Open Evenings happen at the same time. The Headteachers and the Heads of the 6th Forms meet regularly. There is an long-standing arrangement of sharing good practice and there is a strategic approach to learning. Some subjects are offered at some of the schools, while others may be offered at other schools. Our students receive PSHE sessions on careers. We have work experience in Year 12. Students are given support with their UCAS applications. We will invite Mr Wright , Ho6th Form, to an up-coming meeting.</i>	<i>Ms Grover will arrange for Mr Wright to speak about the 6th Form.</i>		
	Son has been at the receiving end of aggressive behaviour from Year 9s. Ms Capper has been informed and has replied. Discipline in the school has improved, but such incidents are worrying, especially after the South Harrow incident.			
	<i>Mrs Manderson: The boys accused of the stabbings are not part of the Rooks Heath community. Allow Ms Capper to investigate, and it will be dealt with.</i>			
Mrs Kupczak	Well done for the A Level grades!			
	What support is there for students in Year 7 / 8 if they fall behind?			
	<i>Mrs Manderson: A point of clarification. The 6th form reults are for progress. The school adds value.</i>			
	<i>Mrs Manderson: We have a SEND department but have limited resources. For an EHCP, referrals are made to the SEND department and are prioritised by Mrs Wright and her team. Professionals make the diagnosis and if an EHCP is approved, the school creates a Pupil Passport which is shared with staff. Teachers adapt their lessons accordingly.</i>			
	It can take months to see an Educational Psychologist. How can the school speed up the process?			
	<i>Mrs Manderson: There is a crisis in SEND / Mental Health. There is not enough funding in schools. Some parents choose to go private. Mrs Wright can help with this.</i>			

Mrs Suresh	Thank you to the school for its communication about the South Harrow incident and for the support from staff.			
	The PSHE 'drop down days' were well received by Year 11 daughter. Thank you for that.			
	We have noticed an improvement in behaviour - thank you for this too.			
Mrs Mora	Has a decision been made about the October half-term?			
	<i>Mrs Manderson: Yes, it will be a two-week October half-term. The dates will go on the website.</i>			
Mrs Wong	Congratulations for the A Level progress results!			
	The communication from the school has been very positive and makes us very proud as parents. We are reassured that Rooks Heath is committed to student safety, and that the school has kept us updated. There is often a lot of fake news on social media.			
	The school has done a lot of good work with students - interventions and other support. Parents need to communicate with the school for mutual support. Trust the school and its systems.			
Mrs Kupczak	Thank you to Mrs Wong for this. The Primary School let us down, so this is reassuring.			
Mrs Suresh	The school has done great work, so be patient.			
Mrs Ulrich	Year 8 parents evening - thank you to teachers for their feedback and support.			
5. Close of main meeting	Ms Grover thanked all who attended for their valuable time.			
	Next meeting will be on Tuesday 29 April, in school.			
6. Feedback to queries raised by Mrs Mora and Mrs Singh. Ms Sheikh also attended.	<i>Mrs Manderson addressed the points brought to our attention at the previous meeting. Action points are in the next column.</i>	<i>Mrs Manderson to speak to Mr Ahmed about upkeep of the boys' toilets.</i>		
		<i>Students must alert the senior leaders on Rookery duty if they have any concerns about food purchases.</i>		
		<i>Mrs Manderson will speak to Mr Cook to monitor a lunch service.</i>		
		<i>For any finance queries, send an email to 'contact us', for the attention of the Finance Team.</i>		
		<i>Ms Grover will arrange for a list of senior leaders and of staff with subject responsibility to be added to the website.</i>		
		<i>For the Careers Advisor, Becky Howells, please send an email to the 'contact us' email address, and it will be passed on to her.</i>		
		<i>For concerns such as suspected bullying, approach the Form Tutor in the first instance.</i>		
		<i>Bromcom issues/glitches are being addressed by Mrs Hyde.</i>		