

The drop in Session was open to all parents of students across both key stages. As a faculty we are keen to build relationships with students and their families to gather feedback and suggestions on the curriculum we currently deliver and our vision as a faculty for their child. We advertised the faculty on social media and personally invited parents/ guardians by email. Key points discussed from meeting further points added in red from SLT.

- Mrs Jury and Mrs Montgomery gave an overview of both key stages and where our faculty fits into the academy.
- Wellbeing, Citizenship and Employability explained and how this will support students through school and in life beyond school.
- Parent A expressed concerns about work experience, they made a point that they felt that it should be optional and that children should not be forced to get placements. Parent A felt that their son was not confident enough and would benefit more from being educated in school about careers. Parent A felt that not all students would be confident in finding a placement. Mrs Jury and Miss Montgomery explained the benefits of work experience and the rationale behind it but also felt that Parent A had a valid point and agreed to discuss further with HOF and CIEAG. Parent A was thankful that they were able to get their point across
- It is an Academy Target to give all pupils' access to Work Experience in Year 10. We can provide support to pupils who struggle to set placements up and for some vulnerable pupils that placement could happen here. However, we do not think we should exclude any pupils from the process.
- Parent B asked how we were supporting the less academic and what was place for those that were not destined to get a grade 4. Mrs Jury and Miss Montgomery explained that as a whole school we are there to support and encourage all students but also to challenge if needed. As a faculty we would support their child in building the skills to support revision across all areas of the curriculum. We encourage students in recognising their strengths and then support them on their journey to college/ apprenticeships and beyond. We deliver College/job interview techniques and work closely with the University of Brighton to support with career choices. We deliver new skills lessons in PD some of which include slam poetry, juggling, leadership, volunteering as well as supporting students with realistic goals. Julie Jones was mentioned with regards to careers advice, alongside careers activities she is arranging within the school.
- Homework is important for all pupils but it is imperative for those students who are on the $\frac{3}{4}$ borderline. We have also moved to a mixed ability approach in all subjects at KS3. We are yet to see the true impact of this due to the pandemic but we believe this will help all pupils but particularly those who enter as low or mid ability. We

could also do a better job of helping parents of pupils who are working below Grade 4 to access tools like SENECA and MathsWatch to better support their children.

- EJU and RMO discussed facilitators and motivational speakers that come in to educate on knife crime, teenage pregnancies, first aid and safety.
- Parent c asked about what we will be delivering to year 7 and 8 in regards to RE they specifically asked if we will teaching different faiths. Mrs Jury explained about the current RE SOW in KS3 and how that links in with PD. Explained that it will be on the long term plans to deliver lessons on different faiths. Parent C was really impressed with this and responded with how she can see it helping with the bullying and racist comments that go on in school. They were pleased that RE was back. EJU and RMO also discussed how IT has links to PD and RE
- Mrs Jury and Miss Montgomery explained that we will be arranging another session towards the last week of term where we discuss the RSE SOW that will be coming in term 6 for year 8 and year 10 the preferred method of contact would be email for the parents. Explained to all parents in the call that this will be their opportunity to see what we will be delivering and ask any questions

Meeting came to a close at 4.10 all parents in the meeting gave many thanks and really appreciated the opportunity to speak to a member of the team a thank you message to parents has been requested to be posted on our page. Meeting will be arranged for 31st March to discuss the RSE curriculum for year 8 and year 10. Invite to be sent home this week.