

HASLINGDEN HIGH SCHOOL

PTFA Meeting 20th September, 2021

AGM

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1. Welcome and what we do.

Kate Sieg-Hogg welcomed everybody to the first PTFA meeting of the year and gave an overview of what we do.

Headteacher, Russ Clarke, was introduced and he thanked everybody for coming.

2. Year 7 and Settling-in in general

The following comments were made:

Homework

- Good to get texts re. homework, although some concern expressed as to whether introduction homework had been handed in as no update had been made.
- Brilliant tracking system for homework
- RCL explained the rationale behind year 7 homework booklets - in-line with a primary focus, building up to fortnightly homework tasks in years 8& 9
- Parents appreciated homework being followed up.
- Useful resource for parents to track on their own devices.
- Some issues regarding iPads not having been received (due to late entry of student) and the implications this may have when platforms such as Showbie are used.

Extra-Curricular Activities

- Query made as to whether notifications could be sent out to confirm whether clubs are on / have been cancelled. RCL explained that this may not always be possible, however, reiterated that students can always use an office phone, especially student reception, to phone home if a club has been cancelled.
- Question raised over whether there is a girls' football team as when one student attended she was the only girl. **KSH has since checked this out and it is a mixed football practice.**
- RCL informed parents of the newly imagined student bulletin "Student Zone". Students can access this directly on their iPads and will be given time during registrations. Notifications of clubs and groups will be on there.

Visits to the school

- Some parents stated that they have not had the opportunity to look around the school. RCL suggested calling the school to see if there is the possibility to book in during school tours.

LSF

- Queries were raised of an individual nature. RCL explained that we currently have a temporary, part time SENDCO, with our full time, permanent replacement due to start in January. RCL will follow up all individual concerns. If, in the meantime, there are any concerns please email sclement@haslingdenhigh.com)

3. Covid Update

RCL went over some of the key points regarding Covid in school:

- Tracking now sits with NHS Track & Trace
- Close contacts don't need to isolate but are encouraged to take a PCR test
- In school we are keeping an overview of live cases - if 1 class has 5 or more cases the contingency plan (as shown on the school's website) will be put into action
 - Year 10 have reached this point resulting in masks in communal areas for all students and in lessons for year 10 students only.
- We are ultimately aiming to avoid students being sent home.
- Students will be set work for any covid related absences. It is a legal requirement for students to receive work by the next day. The main method of setting work will be through Edulink with further links to Google Classroom / Showbie etc. We are committed to supporting learning and if we were to return to a period of forced closure, we would return to live learning.
- RCL urged all parents to phone school if they are struggling or email school@haslingdenhigh.com where the email will then be forwarded to the most relevant person.
- Some parents indicated that they have had difficulties booking a PCR when their child is not exhibiting any symptoms.
- Parents expressed that it was good to see robust systems in place and how it is being delivered.
- RCL further explained the ventilation checklist and monitoring which has been carried out, resulting in 2 rooms being temporarily closed.

4. Bids for funds

KSH raised the following bids made by staff:

- £450 for Erika Wilson (PE) for Netball kit for mixed gender 6th form team
- £1649 for Gavin Peel (EPA) for a digital piano - ideally asking for 2.

Both bids were agreed in principle with the one for EPA needing to go to the PTFA Voting Facebook page.

RCL raised further potential investments to support:

- Benches / Outdoor space
- Sixth Form Library
- Covered area (in between main school and sixth form)
- Calligraphy pens for Calligraphy club

KSH will await formal requests for monies.

5. Fundraising events

KSH explained our key methods of raising money throughout the year and upcoming possible ideas.

- **Christmas Cash Raffle** - This will be set up via Parent Pay for the last 4 weeks of term. Cash prizes equalling a percentage of the money raised will be given out.
- **300 Club** - This is a monthly 'lottery-type' draw. Numbers are bought at £2 per number with 3 numbers being drawn monthly. Current monthly prize is around £55. The December draw just has 1 number selected with current predictions of £700+ prize.
- **Car Boot Sale** - The possibility of holding a Covid-Friendly car boot sale was discussed.

6. Forthcoming Fundraising

- **School Show** – 7th-9th December - KSH gave advance warning of the need for raffle prizes for the three nights as well as help selling raffle tickets before the performance and refreshments before the performance and during the interval.
- **Winter Market** - We had an incredibly successful Winter Market two years ago and an even more successful Virtual Winter Market last year. Discussions around whether either would be able to go ahead again this year. No issues with the virtual market, other than the time needed to co-ordinate the stalls. TBC.

7. AOB

- **DONM** – AGM – Monday 8th November, 2021

Two posts have become available with a further new post being introduced:

- Social Networking Lead - To carry out all communications via Facebook and other methods where appropriate.
- Treasurer - possibility of splitting this into a dual role with responsibilities for the 300-club and overall finances being divided between 2 people.
- Chairperson - to lead the running of the PTFA and coordinate events.

KSH thanked those who expressed an interest on the night. If you are keen to take on any of the roles please email ptfa@haslingdenhigh.com

KSH thanked both Tina Ainsworth and Claire Smith for their years of dedication and hard work in their roles of Chairperson and Treasurer respectively.

- KSH and RCL thanked everybody for their time and for coming to the meeting
- RCL to put details in next school letter