

Notes from FAB Meeting: Wednesday 17th November 2021

Staff attended: M Hoffmann, Principal (MH)

M Cavill, Vice Principal (MJC)

C Reed, Director of Business & Support Services (CR)

Parents attended: 13

1. Welcome from MH

Parents were welcomed with refreshments and MH opened with a virtual presentation confirming the 3 topics that would be covered in this session (Rewards & Engagement, The Edge Programme and Open Evening Promotion & Feedback).

2. Rewards & Engagement

Parents suggested:

Needs to be a wider range and differing types of reward that can be appealing to a variety of students, i.e. academic based rewards aren't suited for all children.

Could the school look at introducing something similar to a credit card system. Students get bronze, silver, gold, platinum and these aren't based on an incentive for bad behaviour to improve. They can be based on self-motivation, helping others etc. The more achievement points students get the higher colour card they would receive.

When students receive platinum level these receive a free school cookie, front of line pass etc.

Good feedback on virtual parents' evenings and lots of parents wish to keep these moving forward.

More clarification needed on achievement/behaviour points.

Parents would just like it raised how proud they were of the CCF students during the Remembrance Parade on Sunday. This was followed by general praise for the CCF staff and students.

"Pastoral care at Budmouth is exceptional"

3. The Edge Programme

Mike Hoffmann explained more about the Edge programme and Andy David's role in the school (Director of Student Engagement).

Parents were asked for ideas about how students can learn some Leadership skills whilst in school.

Suggestions included – Team building during tutor time, a buddy system with some of the older/younger students and the ideas of reinstating prefects. Mix of ages haven't had much

interaction during Covid and then due to split lunch this as continued. Could utilise whole school break times for these systems

Another idea was that tutors/teachers build leadership into lessons to unpin skills without the students necessarily being aware of it. Some students might be embarrassed by labelling/helping out the teacher so all students have tasks to do on a rota to help.

Parents commented how good it was that Year 11s had their own space again at lunch and MH confirmed they have really appreciated and looked after this privilege. It has given the current Year 11 students an increased sense of responsibility knowing it could be taken away.

Parents asked about the option of a slightly different uniform for Year 11 students and the old system of gold ties etc for any Leadership students

Mike Hoffmann will explore with Andy David about the possibility of Edge reports for students/parents. Some sort of summary of how/why their child has gained it.

4. Open Evenings Promotion and Feedback

Mike Hoffmann asked parents if any of them had attended recent Open Evenings and if they had any feedback or suggestions to improve them.

Parents raised a good point and asked why we needed to improve them as we are over subscribed in younger years so something is already working.

6th Form Open evenings were discussed in detail and Mike Hoffmann asked how we convey to current/external Year 11 students to stay or come to Budmouth 6th Form over the other local provisions.