

Parents Open Meeting Q and A 18.10.17

Summary of discussion points, outcomes and actions

1. All parents will be provided with log ins for Tapestry before half term.
2. Home Learning workshops in primary to begin next half term. Dates are:

	Date and Time	Location
Year 6	Tuesday 7 th November at 3pm	Main Hall
Year 5	Wednesday 8 th November at 3pm	Main Hall
Year 4	Friday 10 th November at 3pm *	Main Hall
Year 3	Thursday 9 th November at 3pm	Main Hall
Year 2	Wednesday 15 th November at 3pm	Infants Commons
Year 1	Tuesday 14 th November at 3pm	Infants Commons
Reception	Thursday 16 th November at 3pm	Infants Commons
Nursery	Tuesday 14 th November at 2pm	Infants Commons

The agenda will include information and guidance on homework, trips and parent communication.

3. Parents provided some feedback on the communication about upcoming events in the school. It was suggested that there should be an 'upcoming events' of the newsletter. The school is committed to reviewing the way it communicates with parents to ensure that messages are clear and widely received.
4. There was a concern raised about consistency of demerits and teacher interactions with pupils. Please see further information on KSA's approach to behaviour here: <http://kingsolomonacademy.org/school-culture/behaviour> and the behaviour policy here: <http://kingsolomonacademy.org/about-us/academy-policies>
5. Parents requested copies of the curriculum across the academy. Please see <http://kingsolomonacademy.org/curriculum> for further information. This page is currently being updated with further information.
6. There was a discussion about the use of textbooks. Below Year 10 pupils very rarely use text books in class as they do not necessarily support effective learning. In content rich subjects higher up the school text books are available and in sixth form all pupils have text books for each of their subjects. Revision guides are available to purchase through the school in some subject areas, the academy will subsidise the cost in some subjects where possible.

7. Homework in middle should be taking no more than 1.5 hours. Where this is consistently not the case parents are encouraged to speak to their child's class teacher or Head of Year to make a personalised plan.
8. Behaviour expectations in the infants celebration assemblies were questioned. It was reiterated that the 'summit parties' taking place on 18/10 and 19/10 would be an opportunity for pupils to celebrate in an informal environment, and that the celebration assemblies are teaching pupils how to respond to success and celebration in a more formal, structured way. The purpose is to encourage the pupils to consider the tone or context of an event when responding.
9. It was felt that whilst in some cases, parent meetings could be conducted more effectively in small schools, in other cases this would mean parents having to attend meetings on a number of nights which would be inconvenient.
10. The routine for encouraging pupils to use the toilet in infants and juniors school was reiterated. Pupils are allowed to use the toilet when they need to and are explicitly given the opportunity at break and lunch time.
11. Pupils will be encouraged to support and show agreement with each other through 'clicking,' where there are instances of this being detrimental to learning or counterproductive the teacher should take time to stop the children, reset and reteach the expectation, which should focus on the purpose and positives of clicking.