

Bohunt Horsham Parent Reference Group - You Said, We Did

Our Parent Reference Group meets every term. Their purpose is to support and challenge the school as we grow. Our parent community are our biggest advocates and one of our biggest strengths as a school and this group represent their community in keeping an open channel of communication between the two. After the PRG meets, their Chair meets with Ms Ayling, the head and discusses the feedback. We then share a 'You Said, We Did' statement on the website.

Term 1, 2020

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You are keen to support us with fundraising for some outdoor activities to help make social time more meaningful.	We are happy to host events to support fundraising and would like to talk more about this.
You were appreciative of the work we are doing to support the girls in the year group.	We said we are confident from numbers we've seen at county level that we will have a higher proportion of girls next year.
You like the ERA Chronicle and feel that you are kept updated as to what's going on in school but there are some concerns about whether all emails are correct as some families may not be receiving all mails.	We made it so that you can edit your contact details on MCAS; we haven't sent out a paper version of the contact sheet students' bags.
You were pleased to be able to see attendance and conduct information on the MCAS app but would like to know what constitutes a 'good' number of ERA points.	We uploaded the behaviour and rewards flowchart to MCAS important documents and put it on the new website. A few students achieved the bronze ERA award last term and we have implemented a new program for adding reward and behaviour points so it's easier for staff; this means we anticipate the number of points (in both categories!) to rise more rapidly this half term.
You felt that the announcements on MCAS are useful but it's not consistently used yet. It would be good to have a weekly update email to parents about key things students have been told directly by the school, (e.g. opportunities such as Winter Show auditions).	We agreed! A great idea. We will do this from the start of this term. It will come out on Mondays following whole school assembly so that you can see what we have talked about in assembly too. We also agreed to give Mr Brooks access to the MCAS announcements so he could give live updates on return from PE fixtures etc.

You are experiencing an inconsistent approach to homework across subjects.	We have persevered in trying to get the homework part of MCAS to work for us so that you only need to use that one app for everything but in December we admitted defeat and have bought in a new package for homework - it's called Classcharts and you will be sent your log ins at the start of this term. We have also run staff meetings on homework to clarify that it should be set for all subjects and homework should be awarded an effort grade from A (high) to D (low).
You felt that the lack of storage for students in classrooms/tutor bases, was an issue.	We don't have the space for lockers (our corridors are too narrow in the temporary school, but we have lots ordered for the new school). We have provided hooks in some tutor rooms and have reminded students that they can leave their PE kits in the changing rooms on PE day if that helps.