

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 2, 2020

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You were very appreciative of the quality of feedback given by teaching staff on the recent parent/carer consultation evenings and named several teachers in particular who you felt knew your children very well. You recognised that teachers had been happy to give over an additional evening so that more year 7 parents and carers could meet their child's teachers at our parent/carer consultation evenings in the Spring term.	We passed on your appreciation to our team, including the non-teaching staff who play a huge part in making sure these events run smoothly. We recognised quite how engaged our parents are and planned future events accordingly! We also changed the platform for booking so that it is easier for families to book these events, in future they will be bookable through an online system called www.parentseveningsystem.co.uk to which you will receive a login during the Summer term.
You would like to meet our new Chair of Governors, Craig Andersen and hear from him about opportunities to stand for the position of parent governor but also to share your feedback on the school with him as he starts his role in the Summer term.	We introduced the Chair of the PRG to the Chair of Governors and invited him to the next PRG meeting in April.
You like the additional information that has opened up to you on the Classcharts app and you liked the homework function that is now available to you.	We moved over from MCAS to Classcharts completely in the Easter break of 2020.
Some of you had experienced some issues with making payments via the MCAS app for things like meals and trips.	We moved over from MCAS to School Comms over the Easter break of 2020 and will send out log ins to families in the Summer term.

You looked at an example of a five-year trips and visits plan from another BET school as an indicator of what we would like to achieve. You thought there was a good cross section and the indicative prices represented good value in comparison to other local schools.	We will hold information evenings well in advance of any big or costly residential trips and offer longer lead in times to enable families to budget more effectively. This was not possible this year as we are so new but we recognise the need to forward plan in future.
In response to our request for feedback on the year 6 into 7 transition process, you recommended we included some of this year's cohort in events such as the Welcome Event, Transition Day/Evening and Summer Camp and were very positive about the impact these events had on your children.	We agreed that would be an added improvement to the events and had, pre-COVID-19 planned to do just that. In lieu of the Welcome Event, we posted videos online and this included some videos from current year 7 students answering year 6 students' questions. We also invited the PRG to represent at future events for the next year's cohort.
In response to our question about how to incorporate next year's families into the Parent Reference Group, you discussed the possibility of some current members standing down and/or moving over to become Parent Governors.	We promised to make new families aware of the opportunity to join the PRG when they start in September.