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Parent Forum Meeting Feedback

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I would like to share feedback with you which resulted from my first Parent forum held on 12th October at 6pm. The event was attended by the parents of 24 children with all year groups being represented.

Given the many recent changes to exams and marking the school felt it would be useful for parents to have information regarding our assessment of students; our Director of Student Achievement and Progress, Mr Riggs presented the schools assessment and reporting procedures and then explained the new GCSE gradings before having an open forum for questions on these topics.

General discussions followed with questions relating to the future of the Trust and the college's financial position as outlined by the new CEO, Mr Hulme. It was suggested that a member of the Trust should attend a future meeting and we will make arrangements for this to happen.

A proposal was made from the floor to explore possible fund raising and parental input. I intend to follow up this up by inviting parents who may be interested in volunteering to support the college in different ways such as a Friends of Rye College group and wishing to make donations etc.

Further discussions were had on the quality and quantity of homework set, both of which will be discussed and reviewed with staff in light of the comments made.

A final question was asked as to why the 'house/community' system had stopped. I have investigated this further and understand that the decision was taken to replace Community leaders with Key Stage Heads who would be able to provide better directed support for students. I am vigilant to the needs of a constantly evolving school and I will monitor this structure to ensure that it best serves the students' needs.

At the end of the evening I asked those parents who had attended to complete a short questionnaire to capture some their views on school life. The results are as follows:

Is your child happy at school?

Yes – 85%	Mostly – 10%	No – 5%
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Does your child feel safe at school?

Yes – 85%	Mostly – 15%	No – 0%
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Do you or your child have any concerns about travel to and from school?

Yes – 25%	No – 75%
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Concerns raised were regarding buses being late or delayed and the safety of the car park. I will be speaking to the bus companies in particular to see what improvements can be made to the services. Works are planned to Leisure centre car park by ESCC.

Are you happy with your childs progress?

Yes – 65%	Some concerns – 15%	No – 10%	No response – 10%
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Does the school communicate effectively?

Yes – 45%	Mostly – 20%	No – 20%	No response – 15%
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What aspects would you recommend about Rye College to other parents?

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| Small & friendly | Supportive |
| Teachers | Helpful |
| Communication | Growth mindset |
| Interactive Lessons | Most Aspects |
| Caring | |

I very much enjoyed the opportunity to meet with parents and would like to invite all parents to attend the next meeting to be held on Wednesday, 4th January 2017.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued ongoing support of the school.

Kind regards,

Ian Gillespie
Acting Principal