

Y12 Parents Reps, 8 March 24

Exhibition – issues with food and timings last year. Can these be cleared up? What do students who are not getting prizes do during Exhibition?

- Quite significant changes last year – went well but more we can do to make it run smoothly.
- Issues about food and timings came back in our washup after last year.
- Someone said would like to go back to individual picnics?
- Students in Houses are encouraged to watch the livestream of prizegiving together in their Common Room. Will revisit this again to make sure they are kept engaged.

Football provision - disappointed with football provision compared to rugby – no tour, no extra coaching etc. Why focus on rugby when we are not doing very well in it?

- This year has been very wet so a disappointing season. We'll do what we can.
- Football is growing – bit of momentum with new coach. James the coach is an art teacher but a semi-professional footballer so lots to give. His 1st year and next year will be better again.
- This term our key boys sport is hockey, and boys can also choose rugby 7s, cross country – football etc. So a lot of going on this term. Hockey and rugby 7 teams have done well.

Leave of absence – can't we have an online permission form to make it easier? Have the leave rules on Parents Days changed – seems draconian not to take friends overnight?

- We do have an online form on portal – there was a problem with it last year but now sorted. It directly notifies HSMs who will email to confirm. If very short notice might be a phone call followed by an email. Need to have a written trail so everyone aware what is happening.
- Rules changed a few years ago to say that parents can invite others out but only have their own children for the night. This was to support parents under pressure to take other children out & then let them all go to the pub. There were lots of students congregating in local pubs. We needed to get a bit more control of this.
- Will look at whether different rules can apply at different stages. **JON TO ACTION**

Contact with HSMS - getting hold of a HSM can be difficult sometimes. Had incidents when needed to get hold of someone and not able to get through to anyone. And cases where HSM wasn't there at the start of term to welcome back returning students - far from ideal, particularly when a child isn't very settled.

- We will send out a reminder of Infirmary emergency contact (this is marked on the website). **HARRIET TO ACTION**
- Will ask HSMs to provide times when parents can get in contact with them – put in House handbooks and send out reminders in each House newsletter. **JON TO ACTION**

Food

Breakfast – seen social media & now students want what St John's is getting! And hot food.

- Breakfast is good in many houses – this is now spurring on the others to do better

Disparity in House provision – girls say the boys have more cereal, more spreads etc

- Houses order the supplies they want from Refs – Matrons do this so talk to Matron

Snacks - no snacks provided in main school in the afternoons - only in House – but no time to get there and back so students are starving. Can something be put in main hall?

- There is provision in houses and it's a 25 mins afternoon break so time to get there and back, change books, and get something to eat.
- Also have vending machines - but we recognise the options are not always healthy

Schola – late to supper after practice so don't get food.

- That is extremely unusual. Supper goes on till 7pm. If that ever happened the student needs to talk to their HSM so some supper can be organised in House.

Cooking – lovely kitchen in St A's but girls don't cook in there. Could this be encouraged? At the moment The girls just have toast & pastries.

- The girls do cook in the kitchen in Aidan's and happens a lot in other Houses
- Looking at different ways of encouraging them into the kitchen

No Tech Days

Parents thrilled with no tech days – to stop them staying up late

Focus on Academics in Summer Term

Parents very happy with this too.

- This is not about emphasising academics over other parts of our education, it is about making the most of all aspects of our educational offer, including academics. Every child should be doing their best in all areas.