



Parents' forum group discussion Tuesday 9th February 2016

Our very well attended SNS parents' forum on 9th February focused on Literacy, Reading and English.

We started with an introduction and update on school developments from Annie Gammon, Headteacher, and Crispin Truman, Chair of Governors. The updates included progress on the new GCSE and A level courses, supporting our PPI students in Year 7 and 8 and work on the long term financial strategy for our school.

There were two main presentations. Danielle Parker from the English faculty, talked about the developments in the teaching of English in Year 7 and year 8 – particularly with a focus on writing. Gemma van Praagh, our Literacy leader, celebrated the school reading initiatives and discussed other work being done to support students to develop their reading skills and enjoyment. The powerpoint presentations from both colleagues are available on the website.

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The school reading list was available in booklet form and was re-publicised.

Parents were able to discuss these in groups and ask questions, while being refuelled by the delicious Caribbean refreshments supplied by our kitchen.

Parents' comments included:

Commendations	Questions
Show My Homework is going really well – it is most helpful. Even better if some outline of how much work is needed is there.	Could we have more information about the reading interventions?
The reading list is excellent – thank you – it really helps my child with what to read next.	How are dyslexic students supported?
	How does the handwriting support function?

The school will be getting information about these out via the website in the next two weeks.

Thanks to all the parents and students who attended.

The next parents' forum is on 21st June 2016.

Do also look out for the SNS PTA emails and texts about the forthcoming quiz.

Best wishes,

Annie Gammon