

## The Latymer School Parent/Carers Forum

Notes of the Meeting held 11 November 2008

Present: C Wakefield (Chair), P Armstrong, L Beskeen, P Biswas, L Daly (notes), G Davies, J Evans, C King, N Lamb, J Lederhose, G Norcliffe, H Pedro, M Shepherd, M Wilsher,

1. Apologies for Absence
  - 1.1. Apologies had been received from: S Andreoli, S Jones, S Kavanagh, L Taner.
2. Notes of the last meeting
  - 2.1. Accuracy
    - 2.1.1. The notes were agreed to be an accurate record.
  - 2.2. Matters Arising
    - 2.2.1. There were no matters arising.
3. New IT System – Fronter. Presentation by Miss Beskeen.
  - 3.1. Miss Beskeen outlined the new system and explained that it is at a very early stage of development.
  - 3.2. Having noted comments from member of The Forum, Miss Beskeen asked that any further comments or ideas for subsequent development be sent to Mr Wakefield ([wke@latymer.co.uk](mailto:wke@latymer.co.uk)).
4. Membership of the Forum
  - 4.1. Mr Wakefield asked that members let L Daly ([dall@latymer.co.uk](mailto:dall@latymer.co.uk)) know whether or not they wish to continue representing parents on the Forum. Additional members will then be recruited to ensure that all year groups are represented.
5. Any Other Business
  - 5.1. Homework. Members of The Forum felt that difficulties were caused when subjects set homework on the wrong night, and would prefer that teachers stick to the homework timetable. It was agreed that only meaningful activities should be set and would be satisfied if "none set" as that may be appropriate – to support quality not quantity. They felt that homework was good to develop independent learning and that it was necessary for doing longer pieces of work and for exam preparation. There were other points made but no consensus on too much/too little.
6. Date of the next meeting
  - 6.1. The next meeting will be held 17 March 2009.