

# Notes from Bishop Ramsey Parents' Link Group meeting

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2015 at 7.00pm**

Attended by: Mrs H. Dimmock (chair: Governor) (HD), Mr A Lunnon (Staff: AHT) (AL), Mr D Poole (Staff: AHT) (DP) and approx. 8 parents.

## **1. Welcome to Parents**

HD welcomed parents to the meeting, especially any new Year 7 parents.

## **2. Matters Arising from 16<sup>th</sup> June meeting**

The library closures during the school day at unexpected times will be resolved with the recruitment of a new assistant librarian.

The Tracking Data presentation is changing and will be available to all parents at the ATD. It was agreed that more information on Tracking could be provided by Mr Foote at the next meeting. (DP).

## **3. Student and Parent Induction**

Parents were asked how the induction process had been received. Comments were positive, particularly about the singletons day, held before the July Transition day for students coming as the only one (or two) from their primary school. This allowed individuals to already have met others prior to the Transition day.

The need for the hard copy of the Induction booklet was discussed; some felt it could just be provided on-line, others preferred the hard copy. It is normally sent out before the Transition day, so if it was to be sent electronically, email addresses would be required as parents do need to have seen it before the Introductory evening.

## **4. SCITT: School Centre for Initial Teacher Training**

SCITT has replaced the School Direct teacher training that Bishop Ramsey has run for a number of years. The school submitted a bid to become a SCITT and provide training for prospective teachers from other schools, not just those in Bishop Ramsey. The teacher works for a year in the classroom, but also does training elements provided by the school one day each week and hopefully is offered a job at the end of the year. Hillingdon is looking to have 100 trainees in 15 schools come September 2016, many of them centred at Bishop Ramsey. The trainees apply through UCAS. Discussion took place about students being taught by trainees, but the measures put in place for assessment and monitoring were well presented. It is hoped that experienced teachers will gain career development and motivation with the additional responsibility this can provide. Parents were urged to 'like' the proposal on Facebook and Twitter.

## **5. Use of personal IT devices at school**

Mr Poole reported that there is now one teaching room with tablets provided, so that staff that are being trained as tablet champions (some in each subject area) are using them with classes in that room. This is allowing them to be trialled and assessed for use prior to the main roll-out.

## **6. Staff training**

Mr Lunnon asked for opinions about staff training being first thing on a Friday, instead of after the last lesson. It was felt that getting students to school late one morning a week could raise many problems.

**Date of future meetings:** Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2016.

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2016.