

Parent Voice Meeting- 7th June 2016

Minutes

Staff present - P Haynes, R Wedgwood. L Evans and S Day

- **Attendance-** Over the past year, the Academy has been extremely successful in improving attendance; it has risen by 2.3%. Mrs Day, who has recently been appointed as an Assistant Principal, showed a video that has been used to promote Carlton's attendance work across the Local Authority, and other schools and academies in the local area are now seeking our support in this area. Students now understand the relationship between good attendance and better results. The attendance strategy focuses on the positives and rewarding those who do well, instead of focusing on the negative. As a result of the emphasis on attendance, the Academy has succeeded in changing the culture.
- **School Holidays in Barnsley-** There was some discussion around Barnsley Council's proposed new holiday pattern for 2017/18, which involves a slightly shorter summer break and a longer October half-term holiday. Carlton and Shafton will not be following the revised school holiday pattern but will continue to follow the existing pattern. Term dates for 2017/18 will appear on the Academy website as soon as possible.
- **Year 11 predictions-** Outwood Academy Carlton is predicting another significant rise in standards across all key measures. All areas are predicted to be at or above the national average and Academy target.
- **Update on last meeting-** Year 11 parents have been sent a text to request their child's uniform / PE kit to be recycled and to reuse in school. A select group of pupils have been found to keep the fish tank clean on a weekly basis.
- **Family First Day-** The next Family First Day will be on Saturday 2nd July, we encourage as many parents to come with family as possible.
- **Parent View-** Discussion about the importance of Parent View questionnaires to be completed. This will help support future parents' decisions and also provides valuable information and feedback to the Academy and to Ofsted. There is a link to the Parent View website on the Academy website but a text containing the link will also be sent to all parents. In addition, at future Parents' Evenings, a computer room dedicated to this purpose will be set up.