

Parent/ Carer Coffee Morning Minutes

Thursday 8th February 2018

Mrs A. Dewar & Mrs N. Edwards

Attendance percentage – 13%

Welcome – AD welcomed all Parents/Carers and thanked them for attending.

Gang workshop – Medway gangs are recruiting young vulnerable people to sell drugs etc. We have invited in an ex-gang member on 21st Feb 2018 who has reformed and now does workshops in schools called 'Reform, Restore, Respect', helping young people make the right choices. All students will be attending the workshop. Leaflets for advice for Parents/Carers handed out during the coffee morning.

Food bank vouchers – Inspire Academy have staff designated staff able to issue food bank vouchers if needed.

Attendance – The academy work with the Attendance Advisory Service (AASSA). If a student has 10 or more unauthorised absences parents can be issued and automatic £60 fine (per Parent). We run attendance clinics whilst monitoring absences.

The Form group with the highest attendance will be going on a reward trip to the Panic Rooms on Wed 28th March 2018.

Water rule – The students are responsible for their own water bottles. The school do not issue water bottles. Staff will fill up water bottles at the beginning of the day and top up again at break and lunch times. With the exception of PE lessons and illness, we will not be filling up water bottles during lesson times.

Uniform – Uniform has slipped again. The only students who are able to wear jogging bottoms are those who have a medical reason and provide medical evidence to support this.

Work Experience – Year 10 and 11 will be going on their block placements 26th Feb – 2nd March 2018.

Times of the school day – We are looking at students finishing school at 2.30pm Mon – Fri and shortening lesson times to 45mins as students struggle with 50min lessons. All Parents/Carers in attendance in agreement with times.

AOB – Parents would like advice on internet safety. AD and NE will look into this for next Coffee morning.