

17th November 2009

Dear Parent

Opportunities for parents to be involved with Kingsmead

KPTFA Annual General Meeting - Wednesday 25th November at 7.00 p.m.

Kingsmead is holding its Annual General Meeting for the Parents, Teachers and Friends Association.

All parents are welcome to attend. All at the College greatly appreciate the support and time you generously give in assisting us to provide the best possible for our students and the community. The KPTFA has, over a number of years, raised significant amounts of funding which has supported College activities and needs e.g. extra computers, play equipment, picnic benching, football strips, climbing wall. In addition to this the KPTFA has assisted at College events and reviewed new initiatives within the College.

It is essential that this parent input into the College continues and we require new members. Please do your best to attend this meeting and get involved in the life of the College.

Inclusion

Ms. L. Kelly is available to speak to any parents on Wednesdays from 3.00 to 5.30 p.m., regarding inclusion matters. These may focus on

- special educational needs
- attendance and behaviour
- anti-bullying
- social and emotional issues
- gifted and talented items.

Parent Consultation Evenings

On Wednesdays 9th December, 3rd March and 16th June at 7.00 p.m. I will be holding consultation with parents. It is envisaged that interested parents will form a group so that we can discuss specific College and learning community issues. Feedback from parents will be used to plan future College improvements. I will also use these evenings to update parents of new initiatives.

If you would like to be involved in these consultation evening please will you complete the attached slip and return it to the College Reception. Alternatively you can express your interest by emailing the College at office@kingsmead.staffs.sch.uk.

Many thanks to those parents who have already put their names forward. The agenda for the meeting on 9th December will be with you shortly.

Parent Survey

This will be sent to parents later this week. We look forward to receiving your completed surveys as this will assist us in improving the College.

In last year's survey, parents felt that the following areas needed further development, however, none of these were rated as unsatisfactory:

- Setting of homework. (Parents felt that there was either too much or too little).
- Development of moral values within students.
- Quality of learning and teaching.
- Communication with parents (many parents felt that this had improved through the website, posting letters home and partnership evenings, however further improvements could be made).

As a result of parental views we have

- developed an extensive training programme for staff, related to learning and teaching with the aim of moving lessons from satisfactory and good to outstanding;
- further embedded our Citizenship curriculum to improve students' moral values and attitudes;
- set up a new behaviour system which encourages our students to be prepared, proud, positive and polite (4Ps);
- improved the College's reward system to enhance student motivation;
- improved communications by purchasing a texting system which allows us to text parents to inform them of events and issues which need to be given their immediate attention.

Once again, many thanks for your continued support of Kingsmead Technology College. I hope that you will be able to attend these and other parental events.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. A. Hilton', with a horizontal line underneath.

C. A. HILTON
Headteacher