

KEMNAY ACADEMY PARENT COUNCIL

The Parent Council held their second meeting of the school year on the 4th October.

Key points of the meeting are below...



Pupil representation at the Parent Council

Head Girl Louisa Dunn and Head Boy Robert Lamb joined the Parent Council meeting and outlined their objective to build up the House System within the Academy via events and competitions with the specific aim of building inclusion, belonging and community. Seniors have set up drop in sessions for Junior pupils and aim to provide a link between them and the teaching staff.

Also attending..

Donna Wilson, Aberdeenshire Parent Involvement Officer, attended the PC Meeting. Donna is in the process of observing the Parent Council process across the region with the intention of making recommendations for improvements and updates to the Aberdeenshire Parental Involvement Strategy.

Still Vacant: KAPC Secretary...

As advertised in the August newsletter we are still looking for a Parent Council Secretary.

Duties are to take the minutes of the meeting. Meetings are 6-7 per academic year, each last around 2-2 ½ hours. We can afford to pay £30 per meeting.

We will start out by trying to not pay ourselves, i.e. parents of children at the school - that should be voluntary. If you know of anyone, please point them in our direction.

Meeting 2 Main Theme - Attainment

At the October meeting we held the first of 2 sessions on Attainment, data is collected from the National Attainment Database via a tool called Insight and covers 3 key areas, Literacy, Numeracy and Positive Destinations(meaning employment, training or further/higher education). Due to the unique nature of each school and its pupils it is compared with a virtual comparator school which incorporates pupils of a similar socio-economic profile as Kemnay Academy.

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The 2014/5 data revealed that the number of Pupils leaving Kemnay Academy with Five National 5 Qualifications (5@5) is at a record high of 48%. Overall Literacy and Numeracy attainment were ahead of the previous year and also the virtual comparator school but Positive Destinations dropped one percentage point from the previous year and below the virtual comparator school.

A more detailed breakdown and analysis of the Insight data helps to detect and understand trends and where action in both teaching and learning might be required. Gap closure and continuous improvement against these datasets are a significant part of the school improvement plan without losing sight of each individual pupils particular needs.

School Open Afternoon

This was the first attempt at such an event and was held on 27th September, all parents were welcome with a steady number attending and guided around the School by Senior Pupils which included live science experiments !

Feedback from parents, pupils and staff was positive and will be used to further improve the event in future years.

Reminder.. changes to Parent Council Contact Details

The Parent Council have set up a new email address.

The new email is: kemnayacademypc@gmail.com

Drop us a line, and we can email this newsletter and other information directly to you if you wish.

Hopefully you have found this note summarising the last Parent Council meeting interesting and informative. If you would like to get in touch with the Parent Council, then the email is:

kemnayacademypc@gmail.com

Best Regards

Kemnay Academy Parent Council.

DON'T FORGET... The next Parent Council Meeting is on 29th November.

The main theme of the meeting will be a Presentation from the Science Faculty.