

St Luke's Science & Sports College
Parent Council Meeting

Wednesday 6th May 2009. 6.30 p.m

'Meet the Head'

We had a range of parents who turned up for an opportunity to speak with Terry about a range of topics. They also gave us some interesting feedback on some issues which will continue to take St Luke's Science & Sports College onwards and upwards so Thank You!

'Meet the Head' event

Most of the parents had children who were in Year 7 and they all agreed that the transition between primary school and secondary school can be difficult, especially where the contact becomes much less between parent and school/teacher. They would like to be more involved and mentioned that the Meet the Head evening is a great idea but in future could be more tailored to lower school parents.

Learn to Learn

Some parents were unsure of what Learn to Learn lessons were and what was taught in them so Julie gave a brief explanation. Learn to learn isn't just about *what* students learn but also *how* they learn and is aiming to give them skills needed in life. It rewards students on effort as well as attainment and teachers from other subject areas have commented that they have seen improvements from students who are using Personal Learning and Thinking skills (PLTS) they have learnt in Learn to Learn in other subject areas.

Parents didn't feel the name Learn to Learn gives off a clear message of what the lessons involved and suggested it may be good idea to start introducing Learn to Learn to Year 6 pupils before they begin at St Luke's so they have a better understanding too.

Monitoring Grades

Julie ran through the monitoring grades sheets that went home via tutor folder for all Year 7 students and explained what the grades meant. Some parents hadn't received these.

Action: Julie to look into why some parents hadn't received these and possibly take it to the Communication Group.

PE - clothing and equipment

Parents would like a rough timetable from the PE department (possibly on a termly basis) so students know what they are taking part in and what clothes/equipment to bring each week.

Parents of new year 7 pupils need to be made more aware about what clothes and equipment are compulsory or optional when kitting out their

children for PE. Some parents bought everything on the list only to find it is not needed.

Action: Julie to liaise with PE to come up with a new list or letter clearly stating minimum requirements and optional extras for PE clothes and equipment

Planners

Parents like the use of planners- "They work well"