

Parents Forum
12.07.2017

Representatives from the Academy: J. Johnson – Principal
S. McCabe

	<p><u>Welcomes and Introductions</u> S. McCabe and J. Johnson introduced themselves</p> <p>Previous minutes were shared and access via the academy website was noted.</p>
	<p><u>Ofsted Feedback</u></p> <p>Ofsted rated the academy as outstanding across the board, this places us in the top 5% of schools. Mr Johnson spoke about the process and the validation of the judgement. 7 inspectors were present on day 2.</p> <p>There remains an unwavering drive on continued improvement. An academy wide focus on literacy and spelling is already in place and we are focusing on improving and widening vocabulary.</p> <p>The Ofsted report can be accessed via our website http://www.westlakesacademy.org.uk/about-us/ofsted-report/</p>
	<p><u>School Council</u></p> <p>Members of the school council from Year 7 and 8 shared some of their work from this year including;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assemblies – Council members in year 8, 9, 10 delivered assemblies advising students in the year below how to make the best of the year ahead. Year 7 students delivered a presentation and held Q and A session with year 6 students on taster day. • Safety advice – presentations from year 10 and year 8 members, regarding safety in the following areas; water, internet, road. This was followed by a display informing students how to stay safe this

summer.

- 'currently reading' – year 8, widely used twitter and organised a facebook campaign on what staff and students are currently reading to support DEAR. Suggested and driven by year 8 council.
- Foodbank – which is now a student leadership venture in it's own right. We now have a permanent foodbank drop off and donate weekly as well as a 'foodbank team'
- Outdoor benches – outdoor seating suggested by the council, the benches are now in place and are extremely popular.
- LGBT project completed by year 9 council members for LGBT history month – praised and recognised by Ofsted
- Values now 'embedded into the fabric' of the academy and form the basis of our reward system, this work was also widely praised by Ofsted, it all started with the council.
- Ofsted inspectors attended a council meeting and described the council lead as 'awe-inspiring' and praised the way the other councilors responded to him.
- Policy consultation – teaching and learning and homework, council members were heavily involved in this.
- Golden apple nominations - 2 nominations have been submitted by the council, one for staff and one for students
- Copeland and Allerdale youth ambassadors – a new role, giving students opportunity to work closely with other councils/youth groups in the area consulting on events outside of the Academy.
- Speakers' school council awards – we have entered our foodbank for a speakers' school council award, a nationally recognised community initiative award
- Appreciation live@5 – live learning session led by the council on appreciation, engaging our stakeholders on the value of appreciation.
- Head Boy and Head Girl and deputies reviewing student's attitudes to learning and providing advice and guidance.

Infinity Festival

Clarification provided regarding the event and the it was confirmed that the academy will be closed on the 28.09.17

There will be 210 places for students across the county.

Students from the academy will be selected and this will be shared shortly.

An evening event will be held for the parents of the students who attend the event,

More information will follow in September.

	<p><u>Any Other Business</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clarification regarding the email of correspondence. We will review the duplication where there is more than 1 child in the academy.• Questions regarding exam technique and support for students.
