



## **MINUTES OF THE PARENTS AND COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD (PCAB) MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19 JUNE 2024**

### **KS3 Elective Offer**

Mrs Stuart presented the new curriculum offer and the rationale around introducing electives. By moving enrichment into the academy day on a Wednesday period 3, this will allow all students to access the provision by removing barriers such as cost, sibling pick up, out of school club clashes. So as not to lose academic curriculum time, Life Skills lessons will be moved into two tutor periods. The elective brochure was shared with all parents via Class Charts and was accompanied by a letter. After school enrichment will also be offered. The PCAB members felt the offer was great with a variety of electives both on site and off site. The offer will continue to provide exceptional learning experiences whilst also cultivating students' characters and give them memories for life.

### **KS4 Academic Enrichment Offer**

Mr Woodhouse and Miss Shaw presented the new curriculum offer which is a hybrid of the KS3 offer and the current year 11 provision. There is real value in adding period 4 at KS4 as it consolidates knowledge and improves attainment. However, from student and parent voice, it is clear, students would like further guidance on issues such as finance, careers and life skills. The hybrid offer sees a mixture of curriculum and academic enrichment to ensure both areas are covered and will hopefully culminate in a week of work experience.

PCAB questioned why the model is different from Wath Academy's, where all students have the model we are offering at KS3. We explained that a large number of KS4 Wath Academy students opt to do academic enrichment on a Wednesday and Wath Academy have changed their weekly lesson time/structure to allow for enrichment in the school day. This is something we may look at in the future, however, we feel our KS3 and KS4 offers are the most appropriate for the needs of our students.

Enrichment will again be on the agenda for the second PCAB meeting in next academic year.

### **Detentions**

Mr Sills presented the behaviour system and refinements made this year. PCAB raised the consistency of consequences given. Mr Sills assured that the data is monitored, and lesson drop ins happen daily by the senior leadership and pastoral teams. PCAB would also like further clarity around why their child has received a C3 detention. C4 detentions receive a phone call home; Mr Sills will look into how we communicate C3 detentions. Mr Sills will also investigate ClassCharts notifications regarding detentions, so parents/careers do not miss them resulting in detentions being upscaled.