**Parents’ Forum 17th May 2017**

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| **Item** | **Key points** |
| New Site | Phase one has started and will be ready in December 2017.  We will be moving to the new site in January 2018.  Phase 2 will be ready in 2019.  Science labs will be ready in time for GCSEs. |
| Lockers | There will be no lockers due to the space in the new building however we are happy to look into this further, once we move in to the new building. |
| Homework | From September 2018 there will no longer be homework diaries.  There will be a new system “Show My Homework” which allows parents to check homework that is set by each teacher and see the deadline set.  No longer need to sign your child’s planner.  Login details will be given to each parent to see details of the homework that needs to be completed.  Colour codes will enable Parents’ to check what type of homework is set.  Homework will be set once a week for each subject.  Every three weeks, a substantial piece of written homework will be set for each subject.  Homework type will vary:  Reading  Spelling Test  Quiz  Revision  Written homework to be completed in the book and spelling tests and quizzes will be completed online.  Next term Homework club will be every night after school.  Please support your child and ensure Homework is taken seriously and completed on time. |
| Communication with Parents’ | **Website:** Updated information including newspaper club.  **Letters home via students**  **New texting service**: Positive feedback from parents as they are happy with this.  **The school now has a Facebook page:** Parents are very happy with this form of social media.  School updates what is happening in the school, important information and school closures on facebook.  We will collect more email addresses from parents as they are happy to receive emails. |
| ESOL Classes | Free classes offered to parents  Anyone who is interested, contact the school. |
| Online Safety | Parents to discuss this with their children and explain the dangers.  Not to talk to anyone you done know online.  Report anything suspicious to NSPCC or CEOP.  More information on the school website. |
| Prize Giving | Prize giving is 5th July 2017 at 7-9pm  Celebrate the first year at Greatfields with awards for students and entertainment.  Governors will attend. |
| Next Forum | This will be held once a term.  Next one will be in November 2017. |