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Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to update you following our most recent Parent Forum. The first part of the meeting discussed the school 'Action 4 Change' group which is run by our students and looks at how we can improve different aspects of school life. The group has been looking at a school Community Charter. This has now been finalised and staff and students are being asked to sign up to this so that we have a common aim to work towards. We also discussed how we have amended the reporting system so that the colour coding has been removed making it less stressful for students if they are working below their subject targets.

The next part of the meeting discussed whole school vision planning. Mr Henton led this so that we have parents/carers views of how we all wish to see our school develop over the coming years. Lots of positive ideas came from this and will be shared in a fuller document later in the year after exercises like this have taken place with staff, students and governors.

There were a number of questions raised at the meeting. The first was why our phone number is blocked when someone from school calls. This has now been changed so that our number will always appear. The next question was how our dinner money system could be improved so that payments could be made online. We are currently in the tender process for our school meals and the points raised have been added to this process. In the interim if anyone has any concerns over what their children are spending, please contact AIP on the following email address bhbs@ainp.co.uk. The final question was a concern that our email system has too high a setting on the filter, as some parents/carers were finding their emails were going into staff junk folders. This is something we will be exploring with our IT team to change.

I also wanted to remind you that the new style uniform shorts can be worn. This is something the Parent Forum were instrumental in organising for this year.

I hope to see you at the next meeting which is scheduled for Thursday 13th June starting at 6.00 p.m.

Yours sincerely,

PETE GIBBINS
Deputy Headteacher