



## NOTES FROM THE PARENT FORUM MEETING 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb 2015

We held an open meeting to discuss our potential assessment plans for year 7 and 8 from September 2015. 27 parents attended. Mr Tomlin and Mr Curtis-Brignell presented the attached information and draft report card.

After extensive discussion parents raised the following points, which we will include in next discussions.

1. Could 'below' change to working toward?
2. Rewards could be days out
3. Could effort be rewarded half termly?
4. How do children feel about losing levels?
5. Make assessment manageable and meaningful
6. Using descriptive adjectives is a good idea
7. Can the students design the Tallis habits icons?
8. Initial tutor/parent meetings earlier in Year 7 (**we already do this**)
9. Targets and next steps on report?
10. Will it be available online
11. Yr 9 reports this year were really difficult to understand
12. Really like all the ideas we have heard tonight
13. Meeting teachers once a year is not enough to be partners in education
14. Habits of mind are very good
15. Tips on how to improve effort would be helpful
16. The emphasis on effort is good and the progress card is easier to understand
17. Want parent teacher meetings at the beginning and end of the term to discuss progress
18. Like to re introduce step days but include parents to talk to teachers and students about targets
19. Can the parent attend the RAP meeting?
20. How often are subject tests carried out in the year

We are very grateful to parents who joined us.

Carolyn Roberts, Ashley Tomlin, Jon Curtis-Brignell.