



Hermitage Academy Parent Council
Monday, 1st November 2021
Zoom 7pm

Attending

HAPC:		Year Rep	
Stella Kinloch	SK	S1	X
Kathleen Daly	KD	S1	A
Laura Watt	LW	S1	X
Miles Stratton	MS	S2	X
Andrew Tennant	AT	S2	X
Angela Bakker	AB	S2	X
Rob Taylor	RT	S3	A
Philip Hartley	PH	S3	X
Claire Walker	CW	S4	X
Malcolm Pearson	MP	S5	A
Nanette Clark	NC	S5	X
Elizabeth Lambert	EL	S5	X
Lisa Johnstone	KD	S6	A
Donna Hicks	DH	S6	X
Lucy Sage	LS	S&D rep	X

Agenda Item	Actions/Notes
Welcome SK	Welcomed everyone to the meeting
Minutes from meeting	agreed
Matters Arising	N/A
Pupil Support -parent group update LS	DM
<p>The Hermitage Academy Support and Development Group https://www.facebook.com/groups/240720080892067/ now has charity status and can start fundraising. They are developing a Nurture room inside school and an outside space. The pupils ideally require small group support. However some of the pupils are on a reduced timetable and are not able to access the full timetable of their peers because support is not available in curriculum subjects apart from English and Maths. Oban and Dunoon are staffed as learning centres and as such attract additional funding for support. They are asking for an expanded offer of available subjects. The Outreach-Inreach programme from Parklands has been cut so HA pupils no longer benefit from provision from Parklands. They are asking for equal provision and access to education and for adequate staffing to be provided. GIRFEC promised under Scottish Education is not being delivered.</p>	<p>Hermitage Academy is hoping to restart horse riding for the pupils and ring fence provision of DofE for those who wish to take part. Pupils are also supported to gain Personal Development qualifications and Life skill Qualifications. A&B look at provision in Helensburgh and Lomond in its entirety and Parklands is part of that in this area. The school is working towards training more staff and using space better. The inside space may be ready after Easter or otherwise after the summer break. Part funded by the local authority. The outside space is being developed hopefully with the assistance of local builders Taylor Wimpy and Bellway.</p>
Headteacher Report	
Mrs Mckay is being seconded as Education Manager until Sept 2022	Sports Clubs have started back and pupils

<p>interview for acting DHT are Friday 5th Nov.</p> <p>Prize giving was live streamed and has attracted a large audience. However HA has taken onboard that in future it needs to celebrate wider achievement consistent with a nurturing school ethos.</p> <p>16-17 Covid Vaccine is still under discussion about the details of delivery and the Health Board will be in touch with those pupils.</p> <p>S6 Study space is provided in the digital hub and the Maths, English and Social Subject Seminar rooms all have IT provision.</p> <p>HA is looking into the possibility of a divider for the Digital Hub to make it a more flexible space.</p>	<p>can sign up this week.</p> <p>PTA meeting is Monday 8th 7pm to showcase the variety of clubs on offer at Hermitage Academy</p> <p>S3 Parents evening will be an online face to face meeting on Nov 11th. Booking to go out on the Thursday before.</p> <p>parents without IT access can request phone calls which will be arranged for a different date..</p>
<p>Local Authority / Education Scotland review</p>	
<p>Weds 1st Dec</p> <p>There will be sessions held with stakeholders</p> <p>No grades but comments</p> <p>The day will also include viewing lessons</p>	
<p>School/Parent Communication /Google Guardian/ SIP /New website EL</p>	
<p>The Communication Group has been working on transferring the Website to a Google Platform which will be administered by the school staff. It will fit with the rest of the Google Suite used by staff and be easy to update. Staff will undertake training in updating the website.</p> <p>The interactive School improvement plan is also ready to be launched and will be updated as areas are achieved.</p> <p>Pupils have launched Instagram pages for each house and these have been well received. The pupils have ideas about how to develop these pages to promote school clubs and charity fundraising events.</p>	
<p>SQA exams 2021/Support for students/IT</p>	
<p>Most will be in held classrooms. Pupils will receive an individualised timetable. Each Pupil will have one prelim in full exam conditions in the hall to give them experience of what the exams may be like in the summer. They will make clear to pupils when and what is expected for each assessment.</p> <p>Dates for exams run 26th April – June results day 9th August</p> <p>S3-5 have been receiving study skills and growth mindset sessions</p> <p>S6 have received UCAS and study skills sessions</p> <p>Supported study sessions are in place at lunchtimes</p> <p>SQA have advised to expect exams as long as there isn't significant disruption.</p> <p>Pupils have been individually tracked to monitor the loss of learning due to pupils or teachers self isolating.</p>	<p>Prelims S4 S6 6th Dec. S5 10th Jan</p> <p>Guidance is still against large groups. External invigilators can't be brought in and they don't want to use teachers as they would rather they were in class teaching.</p> <p>Study skills are being delivered within lessons to be geared towards each subject.</p>
<p>Update on Prelims Merit System</p>	
<p>HA are undertaking a review of the pilot – promoting positive relationships.</p> <p>They will undertake a parent/pupil consultation- consisting of survey and focus groups. To be completed by the end of November</p>	<p>Staff are undertaking trauma informed training – nurture informed</p>

Next Meeting
7th February 2022 7pm - Zoom