



Malton School PTA

Minutes of PTA AGM and Meeting

22<sup>nd</sup> September 2020 7pm – 8pm Microsoft Teams

Present: Rob Williams (Headteacher) Mick Fenwick (Deputy Headteacher) Tamsin Smurthwaite (PTA Chair), Mel Huntsman (Events co-ordinator), Roisin Watts (Treasurer), Louise Coyle (Communications)

### Headteacher's Report

Rob updated everyone on how learning had been managed throughout lockdown and how the return to school has been working for the students. Remote learning worked well with students engaging well with the full curriculum provision across all year groups.

The Centre Assessed Grades for GCSE and A Level exams was an evidence based process with faculty leaders providing rationale for the grades they awarded. Rob thanked Mick for his hard work in co-ordinating the process and ensuring that the grades awarded were a true reflection of the students' abilities. Malton School only had a very small variance between the grades awarded by Ofqual and the Centre Assessed Grades and there are only a very small number of students opting for the autumn exams. This indicates a very robust management and trail of evidence was built by staff (led by Mick) to support the submitted grades.

The staggered start to the school year worked well and ensured that each year group had a proper induction into the new systems and therefore school have been able to ensure a smooth integration. Rob emphasised we should all be proud of our young people at Malton School – he feels they have really been 'doing their bit' towards our collective responsibility of adhering to the Covid rules despite all of the changes to get to grips with.

School still has the same high expectations of behaviour and students are adhering to this well.

Aspects of the behaviour policy have had to change to fit with the COVID guidelines. Phase 5 – which is the removal of a student to be supervised by a senior member of staff, cannot be implemented as this would mix the year group bubbles. Isolation cannot be used as this would mix year groups and planners cannot be written in to record stamps or negatives. Teachers are unable to have close contact with students and remain in the designated area at the front of the class. Bromcom is being used to record all positive and negative behaviours and to monitor attendance. This will be introduced to parents via the "My Child at School" app. Details will be sent to parents and the next Parents' Forum will introduce the system to parents. The email system for missed learning that was implemented during lockdown worked well and the app is an extension of this.

Each year group is in a zone within school – using about 7 rooms. It is working well, staff are under additional pressures as they are teaching in different rooms and compromises have to be made. The

PTA acknowledged and appreciated this difficulty for the staff. Break times and lunches have been staggered also.

This term key events will be held online – such as open evening and there are plans to try and put together an online version of the Christmas Concert. Homework club is starting in school for year 7 and there is a maths club running on a Tuesday evening for year 11 and Wednesday for year 13. There will be a booking system via Bromcom.

Louise thanked Rob and Mick and the whole staff team for the Lockdown Learning provision that Malton School provided. A good structure ensured that the children remained engaged and made progress. Malton handled a difficult situation very well. Everyone else at the meeting agreed with this and added their thanks to the staff team.

The PTA asked for a clarification around the procedure if a positive COVID test is found from a student or staff member. If a year group is sent home to self-isolate for 14 days these students will receive remote learning, following their usual timetable. This becomes more difficult to manage if only a small group are isolating but students will still receive work. Buses are following a seating plan and students are wearing masks so if a positive test was from a student who travels on a bus, it should only be a small number of students who need to isolate. This is working really well on the routes that are managed by school. Students are remaining in their year group bubble as far as is possible.

Students should remain at home if they or a family member has any of the symptoms. These should be reported to the absence line and Key Stage staff. In the event of a positive test being discovered over the weekend this should be reported via email to Key Stage staff and Rob or Mick.

Please see letter sent today for full details.

### Chair's Report

Tamsin reported that as all PTA activities had been cancelled due to lockdown the PTA were unable to raise any funds. At the previous meeting, just prior to lockdown, bids had been agreed. Everyone agreed that these should be honoured, and Roisin will release the funds to school. As events will not be taking place the usual way of raising funds will not be happening for some time. Alternative suggestions ideas such as a 100 club or virtual quiz were discussed. Rob suggested PTA could speak to Jane or Sarah from finance to see how monies could be collected.

Roisin to speak to the bank to see if the account can be updated to receive BACS and potentially be managed online.

All members of the committee were happy to continue their roles for the next year. Rob and Mick thanked all of them for their work on keeping the PTA running.

Tamsin congratulated Rob on his recent award, which was echoed by everyone.

The Parents' Forum will be held on 6<sup>th</sup> October via Microsoft Teams with a short PTA meeting following. Louise will email the PTA contact list and ask if anyone else would like to join the next meeting and let Mick know email details.