

Knox Academy Parent Council
Update for meeting of 26th May 2020

Remote Learning

At the time of writing, the new school year has just started on 19th May with a remote timetable implemented for each year group. Initial feedback for the senior years seems to be positive, with several classes making use of virtual lessons and chats, short videos, power points slides etc. It would be interesting to know if all S4-6 pupils have access to IT resources now, making use of the school's chrome books where necessary, and are teachers pooling resources to keep their stress levels low.

Online teaching appears less ambitious at the s2-3 level. It is assumed the view is health and wellbeing first with plenty of time for catching up in the future.

The Parent Council thanks all the teaching staff for their efforts and how quickly they have learned so many new skills to stay in touch and teach pupils remotely.

PTA

£535 has been requested by Lana Borthwick and approved by Nicola Cunningham and Sally Cunningham to purchase a 360 degree camera. It has been used by Mr Dempster to film a tour of the school for P7 transition and can be used for sports day etc in the future.

HLAP

No updates

Proposed dates for 2020/21 Parent Council meetings

2 suggested sets of dates following a similar spread over the year to prior years. The first column is remaining with the traditional Tuesday meeting day. The second column is following comments that a particular day may not suit everyone, so an option is rotating days through Tuesday to Thursday.

<u>All Tuesdays</u>	<u>Rotating Days</u>
1 September	Tues 1 September
27 October	Weds 28 October
1 December	Thurs 3 December
26 January	Tues 26 January
23 March (AGM)	Weds 24 March (AGM)
25 May	Thurs 27 May

Ongoing items

Not necessarily for discussion but to as a reminder of what was going on and many need to be picked up in August/ September

- Special content for PC meetings were proposed in January. Numeracy and computing, Health and wellbeing were scheduled for March and May's meetings

- Workings groups for careers night and resilience
- Additional PC members? A couple of people expressed interest but their offers were put on hold, hopefully temporarily
- Discussions on PTA Xmas dance tickets
- PTA members and positions