Gifted and Talented Parents Evening

Thank you to all the parents and students who attended the successful gifted and talented parents evening night on Thursday 21st January, which address the provision and support the school currently has in place for more able students. All parents agreed that the evening had been very helpful and a significant majority of parents felt their child is being supported very well by the Academy as a gifted and talented student. The evening also included the launch of IGGY for Year 9-11 students which we hope will be a real benefit to the students.

If you have any ideas or suggestions, please email us at: **enquiries@castleviewenterpriseacademy.co.uk**

*Please find below our response to your feedback:*

Year 7

**You said...** ‘We would like to know more about extracurricular activities.’

**We did...** ‘There is a section on our website which outlines all of our extracurricular activities.  <http://www.castleviewenterpriseacademy.co.uk/the-academy/extra-curricular-activities/> please contact Mrs J Smith, beyond school leader and manager, here at the Academy if you need more information.’

**You said...** ‘What provisions do the Mathematics and Science department provide during lessons and after school?’

**We did...** ’The science department are currently planning a Science club. Please see Mrs Williamson for details.’

**You said...** ‘What subjects is my child identified as Gifted and Talented?’

**We did...** Individual letters are currently being written to parents outlining the subjects students are Gifted and Talented in if these were requested.

Year 8

**You said...** ‘We would like to know more about extracurricular activities.’

**We did...** ‘There is a section on our website which outlines all of our extracurricular activities.  <http://www.castleviewenterpriseacademy.co.uk/the-academy/extra-curricular-activities/> please contact Mrs J Smith, beyond school leader and manager, here at the Academy if you need more information.’

**You said...** ‘How does my child access practical support on career advice?’

**We did...** ‘Business breakfasts currently run at the Academy, where visitors speak to the students from a broad range of career, a full list of these can be found on the careers page of the website. Mrs McDermott can also be contacted for further information. We will also provide clarion calls as per requests.’

**You said...** ‘What would happen in the event that my child does not fit into the criteria for a Gifted and Talented Student?’

**We did...** ’We would inform you in writing if there were any changes to your child’s provision. You would then be invited in to discuss.’

Year 9

**You said...** ‘We would like to know more about extracurricular activities.’

**We did...** ‘There is a section on our website which outlines all of our extracurricular activities.  <http://www.castleviewenterpriseacademy.co.uk/the-academy/extra-curricular-activities/> please contact Mrs J Smith, beyond school leader and manager, here at the Academy if you need more information.’

**You said...** ‘How does my child access career advice in jobs that have skill shortages?’

**We did...** ‘There is a section on the website about careers. http://www.castleviewenterpriseacademy.co.uk/general-information/careers/. Over the year there are many business breakfasts, where a range of visitors speak to students about career choices. Furthermore, there is a Year 9 careers programme which includes Pathways Apprenticeship Awareness Take Over Day, a Careers Fair and Working Rights and Responsibilities. Please contact Mrs McDermott, Assistant Vice Principle/ Specialist Business and Enterprise, if you need any more information.

**You said...** ‘It is harder for more able students to receive merits and positive praise than it is for not so able. As in the case of pushing them to do their best when finding it difficult at times and don’t want to fail’

**We did...** ‘Thank you for this feedback. This has been discussed at Senior Leadership Team Meetings and rewards schemes have been revised as a result.’

 Year 10

**You said...** ‘Further careers advice would be helpful.’

**We did...** ‘Business breakfasts currently run at the Academy, where visitors speak to the students from a broad range of career, a full list of these can be found on the careers page of the website. Mrs McDermott can also be contacted for further information.’

**You said...** ‘How is my child being supported in the particular subject areas they are identified as Gifted and Talented in?’

**We did...** Parent is being individually responded to with an update with all subjects identified as Gifted and Talented in.

Questionnaire for parents and carers – January 2016

|  | **Statement** | **Strongly agree (%)** | **Agree (%)** | **Disagree (%)** | **Strongly disagree (%)** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 1 | The parents evening has been helpful | 39% | 61% | 0 | 0 |
| 2 | I feel my child is being supported in school | 57% | 40% | 3% | 0 |

Additional Comments

* "I like the look of IGGY programme. I am sure my child will be interested in this when she can use”
* " My child has really benefited from the university visits and the interaction she has with those who have careers in science”
* "Thank you all so much for your hard work, time and support, much appreciated
* "Opportunities available to my child so far have been well received."
* "I am happy with my daughters progress "

 Further information

* Gifted and Talented Parent Handbook