

### TRA PARENT COUNCIL

## Dear Parent,

Welcome to Tain Royal Academy Parent Council. We are a bunch of parents who meet regularly to communicate with each other and the school. It's a great way of finding out everything that is going on at school and to raise any questions or find out more information on things that affect you and your child/children at the school. It is not restricted to just parents of pupils and representatives of the community (such as Councillors) can also be part of the Parent Council. In order to be as inclusive as possible TRA Parent Council takes the view that every parent of a pupil at TRA is automatically a member of the Parent Council (whether they choose to attend or not). TRA's Rector and management team along with the school captains regularly attend the meetings too.

# **OFFICE BEARERS:**

TRA Parent Council has the present Office Bearers:

Chairman – Wendy Hennem (parent)

Vice Chair – Andrew Mackenzie (parent)

Secretary - Karen Henderson (parent)

Treasurer – Jo Parkes (parent)

## **COMMUNICATION:**

- Meetings are held every 2 months in September, November, January, March and May.
- Normally notices will be handed out advising of the meetings via email or via the pupils.
- The school has an active Facebook page where it posts all relevant information. There is also a TRA Parent Council Twitter page.

To ensure you are on the contact list and receive all communications from the Parent Council please send your email address and details of your pupil to <a href="mailto:tainroyalacademypc@gmail.com">tainroyalacademypc@gmail.com</a>

#### **FORMAT OF MEETINGS:**

Whilst the meetings have a formal structure the meetings themselves are fairly relaxed and everyone's opinion is welcome.

The meeting will have an agenda which normally lists:

- Chairman welcome and note of apologies
- Brief discussion and approval of minutes from previous meetings
- Treasurer's Report
- Rector's Report and School Captains' Reports
- Councillors Report
- Any other business

Any other business simply relates to the current concerns or relevant issues affecting the school.

#### WHAT CAN BE RAISED OR PUT ON THE PARENT COUNCIL AGENDA

Absolutely anything that relates to the school. If it is important to you it's important to the Parent Council.

### WHAT IS MY ROLE?

Individual parents can choose to be involved as little or as much as they wish to. You can choose to be an office bearer or simply attend meetings and receive information from the Parent Council in order to be kept up to date with what is going on. Attending the Parent Council does not oblige you to ask questions or take up any position of responsibility. It can simply be a good way of being kept in the school loop.

#### WHAT CAN THE PARENT COUNCIL ACHIEVE?

LOTS!

The Parent Council can support the school as well as raising any concerns or issues it may have. If parents have any particular skills they would like to offer school then the PC is an ideal way of getting more involved in shaping the experience your child has at the school.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you would like to find out more. You can email us on <a href="mailto:tainroyalacademypc@gmail.com">tainroyalacademypc@gmail.com</a>.

We hope to see you at the next meeting.

Kindest regards

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Wendy - Chair, TRA Parent Council