



Castle Rushen  
High School

23<sup>rd</sup> May 2018

Dear All

At the turn of the calendar year I wrote to you all wishing you a happy new year, asked for your support with uniform and outlined the school's priorities for the year ahead. One of these priorities was setting up a parental forum, with the intention of consulting parents on issues pertinent to student learning and wellbeing. Contributions made would go towards the school's self-evaluation and improvement process. The first of these forums was held after school on 26<sup>th</sup> March. 20 families were proposed by Heads of Year to ensure a gender, age and ability range representative of the school population and we took some very useful ideas on the use of smart phones and tablets in school. Following the feedback we received that night, and through several other channels, we do feel that a change is required to our mobile device policy. Once I have had the chance to discuss this with the school governors we will make further announcements. If you would like to have some input into this and any other topic of educational interest, there is the opportunity to take advantage of our Parent Voice postcards, available at all Parents' Evenings, or contact our Parent Governor, Angela Katz, via Reception.

Parents who attended that night asked us to arrange a subsequent meeting on progress with the new school building. This was widely reported as part of the IOM Government's budget announcement in February of this year. We are delighted that we have secured both the Minister of Education, Mr Graham Cregeen, and the Director of Estates for the Department of Education, Sport and Culture, Richard Collister, to talk to parents about the current state of play regarding the new building. They will be presenting at 6:30pm on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June. If you would like to attend please let our Reception know so we can use the most appropriately sized accommodation.

If you have any other ideas for future parental forum topics please let me know at the usual email address: [crhsenquiries@sch.im](mailto:crhsenquiries@sch.im)

Regards

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