


HEADLANDS SCHOOL
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Parent Council April 2nd 2019

1. Y11 and Y13 preparation and revision
2. Y8 Options
3. Sims and communication systems

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This was the Agenda for the Parent Forum Meeting on 2 April 2019 chaired by Miss Roberts.



Year 11 & 13 preparation and revision

Timeline of exams


Y11 first exam – 1st/2nd May Drama and Art

Y13 first exam – 7th-9th May Art & Photography


Y11 & 13 - Written exams begin w/c 13th May

Y11 & 13 - Last exam – 19th June

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Parents were surprised by the large number of exams students have to sit and also the length of exam period.




Year 11 & 13 **preparation** and revision

We understand it is a very important time in their lives but also it can be quite stressful.

Key advice for the young people:

- Make sure revision is worthwhile, it's natural to want to stay in comfort zone. Work on areas that you are unsure about rather than pages of work you already know.
- Test yourself!
- Practise working to a time frame.
- Plan rewards for revising along the way.
- Ask for help and support.
- Balance time revising with rest, socializing food and exercise.

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Miss Roberts talked through support offered by school, including revision sessions etc. Parents complimentary of support given to the students from school.



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Year 8 options

Timeline of events:

- 24th Jan 2019 – Options pathways evening
- Receive options forms
- 7th Feb 2019 – Year 8 Parents' Eve
- 13th Feb – Deadline for return of options forms
- w/c 25th March individual meeting with Miss Roberts to discuss choices
- April onwards – Devise timetable for 2019-20

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Miss Roberts explained that all students spoken to by herself and happy with their choices. Year 8 parents were pleased with the variety of options available. Their children are happy with their choices. Miss Roberts explained to the Year 7 parents about the options choices and showed them how to complete the form.

Year 8 options

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The Attainment 8 Buckets

Bucket 1

- One slot for English and one for maths; double-weighted

Bucket 2

- Three EBacc qualifications (Sciences, computer sciences, geography, history or languages)

Bucket 3

- Three 'other' slots
- Any remaining Ebacc qualifications
- Other approved academic, arts or vocational qualifications

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Miss Roberts explained about the Government encouragement for most students to follow the EBacc qualification, which includes studying a language and humanity subject. Parents said they fully support their children studying a language and remembered back to when they were at school having to study a language too. Parents thought it useful and beneficial.

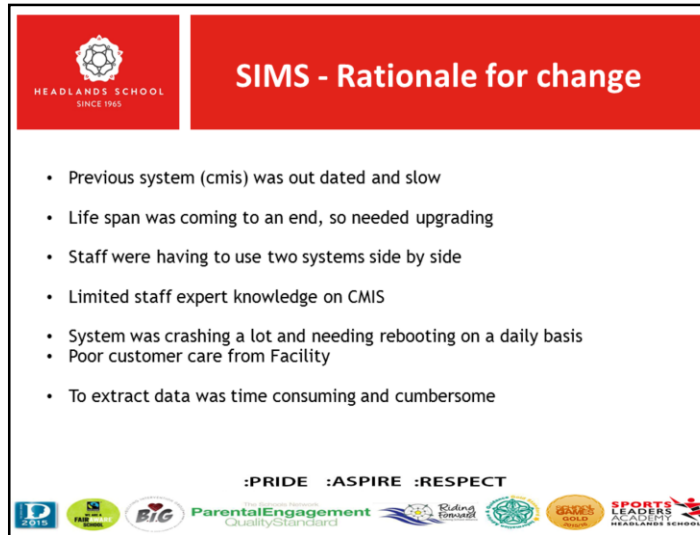


Year 8 options

“It is the government's ambition that 75% of all pupils should begin studying the full set of EBacc subjects by 2022”.

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The slide features a red header with the Headlands School logo and the title 'SIMS - Rationale for change'. Below the header is a bulleted list of reasons for the system change. At the bottom, there is a row of accreditation and award logos, including the Department of Education (2015), SAC (2015), BIG, Parental Engagement Quality Standard, Riding Forward, and Sports Leaders Accredited School.

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SIMS - Rationale for change

- Previous system (cmis) was out dated and slow
- Life span was coming to an end, so needed upgrading
- Staff were having to use two systems side by side
- Limited staff expert knowledge on CMIS
- System was crashing a lot and needing rebooting on a daily basis
- Poor customer care from Facility
- To extract data was time consuming and cumbersome

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2015 SAC 2015 BIG Parental Engagement Quality Standard Riding Forward GOLD LEADERS ACCREDITED SCHOOL

Miss Roberts explained about the change to the new management information system Sims. Lots of benefits in terms of saving time, money and improving methods of communication via e-mail. Parents all agreed that the e-mail communication was working well and they preferred it. Miss Roberts explained about a new parent app that parents can easily update their personal details on. Parents also praised the Facebook communication very useful and well received.



SIMS - All on one site

One site does all:

- Attendance
- Behaviour
- Achievement
- Assessment
- SEN
- Timetabling
- Historical data
- Reporting
- Recording contact sessions
- Real Time data

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As a classroom teacher

- Easy to input assessment data
- From register easily identify key groups, Sen, PP etc
- Add behaviour and achievement simply and efficiently
- Record behaviour in detail, communicates to Year Leaders and other key support staff
- Improved communication with key individuals. Parent and Student support

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Additional advantages

- One site
- Automated login
- Add on facilities (eg SIMS In Touch)
- Regular updates
- Lots of support
- Staff at leadership level already significantly able in its use.
- OUTLOOK links and many regular tasks can be automated. Attendance, report facilitation and emails etc

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Sims Update and Communication

Sims – management information system
Now purchased, installed and up and running.

- Teachers find it quick and easy to navigate around
- Senior leaders find it user friendly and time efficient
- Pastoral and office staff find it more efficient
- Parents...

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Sims Update and Communication

In touch - communication via email

- Less paper
- Less time
- Instant
- Email out to everyone at once
- Update details efficiently (parent app lite)

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