

Consortium of Gujarati Schools

Meeting of Head teachers and Co-coordinators

2nd September 2017

Feedback Comments

1. What did you feel was good about the meeting? What was the most useful? Why?

- Info on GCSE and A Levels most useful and very well presented (12)
- Listening to other teachers' experiences was very informative (4)
- GCSE Info was good especially about editable Schemes of Work
- Information about introduction to the changes was perfect
- All topics were useful for teachers
- Meeting was very informative & useful
- Information about teaching methods used by different schools very useful
- Info about drop in GCSE numbers was revealing
- Discussion about how to encourage students to learn Gujarati and increase numbers and was very helpful
- Sessions well planned, now have better understanding of the new requirements
- Statistics of results and discussion most useful
- Learning about the responsibilities of DfE, Ofqual, and exam boards very useful
- All was very informative
- Lots of detail about changes to the syllabus and exams

2. What do you feel was not helpful about the meeting? What was less useful? Why?

- Nothing (12)
- Everything was relevant, helpful and useful (6)
- Should have included Action Plan for discussion in more detail about progress
- If we had model paper, it would have helped

3. What areas or aspects from the presentations and discussions will you include in your management or teaching?

- New format for planning lessons
- Use modern techniques of teaching
- Will plan more carefully in line with changes
- Incorporate new ideas
- Will share overview of changes with staff
- Sharing good ideas
- Encourage more pupils to speak in Gujarati
- More speaking, Picture stories, more sentence work
- Will include translations, new vocabulary
- Practically everything

- Discuss new ideas with my teachers and include these in teaching
- Look at the Challenges we face and devise ways of addressing them
- Preparation for the new syllabus from 2018
- Use of IT into lessons to be explored
- More IT interaction
- Include debates on social issues

4. What are the most suitable times in the year for training sessions in the future?

- After the new specification is out
- September beginning, Middle of April
- Last week of July
- In March
- School holidays (4)
- Before term starts
- Dec, Jan, Feb
- Summer school holidays
- Nov or Jan
- Dec or Jan
- Saturday mornings or early afternoon
- Saturdays (with early notification)
- Saturday afternoon, Sunday morning
- Sundays in term time or school holidays
- Week days, evening

5. Any Other Comments

- Thank you so much for your guidance and time for this meeting
- On the whole the meeting was quite successful
- All was very good
- It was very well presented
- We need to educate teachers as most are not UK trained
- Gujarati should be taught like languages are taught in the mainstream
- Need forum to share material
- More training tailored for different needs
- Help in recruiting more teachers and training them
- If all teachers can share resources and ideas
- Meet more often like this