

'6' Partnership Meeting – Tuesday 24th October at Flint High School (5pm)

Minutes

1. Minutes of the last meeting agreed & seconded (JM/JC)
2. Results & ALPS – ALPS pages 31 for both AS and A2 were shared in the meeting. Headline figures from Summer 2017 show success in terms of meeting Level 3 threshold and also making improvements in students attaining highest grades in line with Flintshire and the rest of Wales. ALPS reports show trend of students with lower average GCSE scores attaining well and in 'red' thermometer. However, more able students show trend of being in 'blue' thermometer. Discussion around how to address this.
Action: to create a joint development plan; to consider other courses; USP & being mindful of Flintshire county council's scrutiny of performance and our partnership.
Action: to consider how we can improve induction procedures and work on our internal sell for recruitment and retention.
3. Numbers for 2017-8:
FHS 76 AS & 48 A2 = 124 total
SRG 66AS & 64 A2 = 130 total
254 in partnership
Action: consider how to secure pupil numbers & resolve timetabling issues.
4. SIMS update: initial teething problems but using SIMS has great potential for future success.
Action: visit Prestatyn who have used dual/guest SIMS successfully in their partnership.
5. Open Evening: sign up for initial option choices is useful in determining option blocks and avoiding future clashes. Selling of subjects was superb. Teachers and students spoke with enthusiasm and passion. A really positive vibe was felt.
6. Seren: some discussion around numbers involved – not many in our partnership compared to Mold Alun/Castell Alun. It is seen as being worthwhile and has helped students to really think about their futures and possible university applications. This year we have not used 'wildcards'. Two AS students are on the programme from FHS and one from SRG. Both schools have 5 students at A2 level involved in the programme. University outreach work has been a great feature of the Seren Network. Discussion around those who are not Seren – does that impact upon their aspiration and application?
7. Partnership meetings:
Monday 29th January 2018 5pm at SRG
Wednesday 6th June 2018 5pm at FHS
8. AOB:
 - a. ALPS partnership report to be created by 1st December 2017.
 - b. Invite extra members to Partnership meetings – suggestion of 3 or 4 extra people per school to include Chair/Vice chair.