

VERIFICATION OF OSA EMAIL ADDRESSES REPORT

For several years I have been aware that some of the email addresses contained on the OSA database have been out of date and no longer work.

I am grateful to Suzanne Brooks for assisting in creating a csv file into a Gmail account that I created to test each email address in the name of Scarboroughcollegeosa@gmail.com The results are as follows;

We started with 1473 email addresses. 221 bounced. Of those; 18 had incorrect format and have been corrected. 63 have been contacted by phone and new email address obtained and updated on the database.

41 Have been phoned and messages left on ansaphones asking them to contact me with their new email address. So far 8 have responded and new email addresses are on file and test emails sent to verify new email addresses and now work. 99 Bounced and we have either no contact details or the telephone numbers on their record are unobtainable and there is no listing for the address with BT Directory Enquiries.

The Pupil record has been updated in the Archive/Information Source box giving details of what action has been taken. Original emails and Phone numbers have also been retained in this box but for those with no current email address the "Subscribed" box has been unticked. If and when a new email address is given the Subscribe box needs to be ticked again.

We now have a clean database containing 1333 live email addresses. This means we have over 7,000 who we can't contact. Many will have died but we should make efforts to try and obtain email addresses for those that are still living?

Email communications going forward to be discussed at the next meeting. At present the current email address osa@scarboroughcollege.co.uk is hosted and runs on the College server. This needs to run on the OSA Servers so we have everything on one website and our communications running on the same Server.

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