

MINUTES OF PARENTS' FORUM MEETING 10/12/2014
Batley Girls' High School – Visual Arts College

Item		Action
1.	Welcome & Introductions	
	<p>Present: Julie Haigh (Co Head), Iffat Ahmad (Chair & Community Liaison), Dave Cooper (Deputy Head), Wendy Beasley (Assistant Head), Sumayyah and Hawa (from Warwick Road School), 13 parents.</p>	
2.	<p>Iffat Ahmad welcomed everyone to the Parents' Forum(PF) and introduced the guest speaker, Jane Murphy, Schools and College Liaison Service from the University of Huddersfield. Jane gave a presentation on how to obtain help and information for students and parents preparing for University. Everyone was invited to attend the next Open Evening in Spring. Parents of Students in Year 12 will be invited to a Parents' information session which will be held at the university. Jane also gave out details of the Information session which covers student support and Finance updates. Jane left us with copies of the Guide for Parents & Carers and cards with details of the University's many useful website addresses.</p>	
3.	<p>Dave Cooper – (Deputy Head) introduced himself as the Deputy Head & Head of 6th Form. School is in partnership with numerous Universities and Industry. Feedback from the visit to Leeds University was really positive and parents said that the day had helped to clarify lots of points for them.</p> <p>Another informative trip is being planned for parents to visit Huddersfield University, the date will be announced soon.</p>	<p>IA to arrange with Jane Murphy.</p>
4	<p>Parent Pay will be launched in January, staff training is being held next week and Passwords and ID's will be issued to parents soon.</p>	
5.	<p>Julie Haigh : Student Reports, Julie spoke about the recent changes to school reports, there will now be an end of year report with tracked progress.</p> <p>Year 7 are involved in a pilot scheme of 'How you can support your daughter' which is an A5 booklet with subject overviews and support guide. This has recently been given to Y7 students.</p> <p>It was agreed that a Year 7 "settling in" Parents' Evening would be proposed for November next year followed by the full Parents' Evening in March.</p> <p>Raise On Line results have been issued, these are used by Ofsted to judge schools. Our results our outstanding.</p> <p>The new school website was discussed, it was proposed to publish copies of the PF minutes on it in the Parents' Section.</p>	<p>IA to update Website</p>

	Year 11 students have all been allocated Learning Mentors and a Year 11 Subject Support Guide, containing key advice for all subjects studied in Year 11 has been given out. Positive feedback was given by PF on the booklets. If any queries arise, the Pastoral Managers should be the first contact within school.	
6.	Parking near school. To remind parents about the considerations required when parking near school, it was suggested that a letter should be sent to all parents, from the Parents' Forum.	Julie Haigh to organise
7.	School Uniform. Feedback about wash quality was good but there is a colour difference in the red of the stripe and the red on the embroidery for the badge. Wendy to raise this with the supplier.	WB speak to supplier.
8.	The Governing Body would like to develop closer links with Parents' Forum, representatives will be invited to attend the next meeting and they will have copies of the minutes from each meeting.	Clerk to the Governors to send out invitations
9.	'Prevent' agenda – this is government initiative aimed at protecting young people from radicalisation. One of the main focus areas is internet safety and this will be discussed at the next meeting.	
AOB	<p>The charities which school will be supporting this year are Doctors without Borders and Samaritans</p> <p>SNAG food group will release details shortly about the campaign on healthy food in schools. Rules will be relaxed regarding crisps and chocolate snacks.</p> <p>Christmas Lunch is on Wednesday 17 December, 12.10pm onwards. All are invited, please notify Iffat if you will be joining us.</p>	
	Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 28 January 2014, 11am – 12.30pm.	IA will email PF group beforehand.

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