

MINUTES OF PARENTS' FORUM MEETING 18/3/2015
Batley Girls' High School – Visual Arts College

Item		Action
1.	Welcome & Introductions	
	Present: Julie Haigh (Co Head), Iffat Ahmad (Chair & Community Liaison), David Cooper (Deputy Head), 15 Parents	
2.	<p>David Cooper – Parents Project</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The idea is that Parents' Forum members run community information events and serve as Parent Ambassadors for the school (both in the community, at school and partner events). 2. Educate our community & give information gained by parents at PF meeting and external visits. 3. Advertise this initiative in community publications/press <p>A subgroup signed for this project.</p>	IA to organise further discussion and training for Parent Ambassadors
3.	<p>Parents Event: Iffat Ahmad explained about the initiative to engage parents with Higher Education & Businesses. PF have been to Leeds & Bradford Universities where parents have found the visits informative. BGHS is also in partnership with Cummins Turbo Technologies, Julie and Iffat are arranging a visit with parents and daughters to Cummins to look at pathways into engineering.</p> <p>Next planned visit is Huddersfield University for Thursday 23 April & Leeds Trinity University for Thursday 21 May. It was suggested a text message could be sent out to all parents re these planned visits.</p>	IA to send out text message to all parents re visits.
4	<p>Julie Haigh – Vision statements.</p> <p>The forum went through and worked together on a flow chart on some vision statements.</p> <p>KEY - Active Parental Involvement.</p> <p>How they see their daughters achieving:- Focus areas - Learning Styles, Individual learning, Peer Mentoring, Motivating the student, Yr. 8 Graduation - Aim Higher, Students may be more motivated in practical lessons, fairly assessed, and more lunchtime clubs.</p>	
AOB	<p>Parents discussed the possibility of holding a coffee morning in school.</p> <p>Information given on Lets Get Cooking Club, will start after Easter – Thursday 23 April 3.10pm – 4.45pm. This will involve parents cooking with their daughters.</p>	IA to inform PF on possible available dates
	<p>The next meeting:</p> <p>Wednesday 13 May 10.30am - 12pm</p>	IA will email PF group beforehand