

MINUTES OF PARENTS' FORUM MEETING 17/6/2015
Batley Girls' High School – Visual Arts College

Item		Action
1.	Welcome & Introductions	
	<p>Present: Julie Haigh (Co Heads), Iffat Ahmad (Chair & Community Liaison), David Cooper (Deputy Head), 21 Parents</p>	
2.	<p>Julie Haigh</p> <p>Julie updated the forum:</p> <p>Batley news coverage. Mr Loonat who is a local poet has been working with the school with year 8 students, Well received by students. Julie and Dave were invited to Al-Hikmah for a poetry event.</p> <p>Year 11 Exams – Students have been entered for ECDL exam for an extra qualification</p> <p>EBAC latest – Julie explained about the government’s latest changes.</p> <p>Survey – change in education, parents would like a clearer road map.</p> <p>September intake for New year 7 – 57 parents are on appeal.</p> <p>Big day out – Friday 11th September, all students from Yr. 7 -11 and staff on cultural visit. Parents were asked if they would like to volunteer.</p> <p>Prom dates for Year 11 were discussed. The prom date for next year is Wednesday 13 July 2016</p>	JCH to update
3.	<p>Parents’ Event: As we have been highlighted in the key stage 3 Ofsted good practice for careers. Iffat Ahmad explained about the initiative to engage parents with Higher Education & Businesses. PF have been to Leeds & Bradford & Huddersfield Universities where parents have found the visits informative.</p> <p>Parents feedback on the visit to Leeds Trinity University which they visited on Thursday 21 May. Parents found the university provision to be safe and compact.</p> <p>BGHS is also in partnership with Cummins Turbo Technologies. Parents & daughters visit has been planned for Wednesday 16th September.</p>	
4	<p>Coffee Morning:</p> <p>Parents Forum reported back that the coffee morning was a success. Parents had brought a guest with them and hopefully there will be new parents at the next meeting.</p> <p>It was suggested to invite teachers to pop in to parents forum on a regular basis.</p>	

AOB	<p>Traffic: Concerns were raised re traffic and parking outside school before and after school hours.</p>	<p>School to send out letters to inform parents about safe parking</p>
	<p>Uniform: PF asked for a uniform update. Julie Haigh explained the current supplier still has a surplus stock which they need to sell to customers. Blazers will now be included and a higher quality product is being sourced. Parents were asking about red scarfs.</p>	<p>School to clarify.</p>
	<p>The next meeting: Wednesday 7 October 10.30am - 12pm</p>	<p>IA will email PF group beforehand</p>