

MINUTES OF PARENTS' FORUM MEETING 9/12/2015
Batley Girls' High School – Visual Arts College

Item		Action
1.	Welcome & Introductions	
	<p>Present: Julie Haigh (Co Head), Iffat Ahmad (Chair & Community Liaison), David Cooper (Deputy Head) Mark Limbert (IT Manager) +18 Parents</p>	
	<p>At the last meeting the following discussions took place as AOB. Julie and Iffat explained and clarified on items below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent Pay - £15 minimum amount to change to £5 & more clarification – There was a cost implication to the school on amount of transactions. Therefore the amount of £15 was the minimum amount for Parent Pay. • Website needs updating and improving - New Website was demonstrated. • Year 11 Parents need a final date/leavers assembly, when their daughters leave Year 11. Final date cannot be given as individual student's finish at different times when all exams such as ECDL are completed. • Key Stage 4 bags – Students needed bigger bags as they have large folders. • Blazers are not tailored - More clarification on uniform – Blazers to be tailored from September 2016. • Attendance sheet - Key for abbreviations should be provided – This key was issued with the reports. 	
2.	<p>Julie Haigh</p> <p>Educational Reform - Julie explained the timeline of the education reforms the government were introducing. In the future there will be no coursework but exams for GCSEs. Julie went through new booklets. Each year groups will have their own booklets featuring spiral learning.</p> <p>Exam Results – Raise on Line, DFE have published figures and we are pleased to say we are above average. DFE Average is 1,000 and we are actually 1,045</p> <p>School has devised a new name for Prevent which is Together. This is our own agenda for protecting our own students. The Together group consists of number of Professionals who meet regularly to develop projects for our school community.</p>	
3.	<p>David Cooper introduced two 6th form students as Coheads of the 6th form. DC explained about a number of initiatives students are involved such as Rotary. This initiative is raising money for the schools nominated charities.</p> <p>On Friday 8th January, Professor Jason Ralph, Peace studies Lecturer from University of Leeds. Has been invited to deliver a session on the origins of and responses to the current situation in the Middle East. If parents would like to attend then names to Iffat.</p>	
4	<p>Mark Limbert who is Schools IT Manger showcased the new website. Parent's feedback at meeting to say how clearer and informative the new website was.</p> <p>Parents can email Mark Limbert on website@batleygirls.co.uk with any feedback</p>	
AOB	<p>Parent Governor – There is a vacancy for a parent governor. Iffat Ahmad promoted forthcoming events, School Christmas Dinner 16th December. Whole School Careers Convention Thursday 21 January.</p>	Names to IA
	The next meeting: Wednesday 3 February 2016 10.30am – 12noon	IA will email PF