

**‘MINUTES OF PARENTS’ FORUM MEETING 18/3/2016**  
**Batley Girls’ High School – Visual Arts College**

| Item |   | Action   |
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| 1.   | <b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b>  |  |
|      | <p><b>Present:</b><br/>           Julie Haigh (Co Head), Iffat Ahmad (Chair &amp; Community Liaison),<br/>           +20 Parents</p>  |  |
| 2.   | <p><b>Julie Haigh</b></p> <p>Life without Levels (Progress 8) – Julie explained about the new structure on measuring students’ ability. From September 2016, Secondary schools will be accountable for Year 7 students who have not scored well in their SATS exams. We are expecting 60 students who have not achieved the national level. We will be teaching additional Maths/English lessons. These students will have another test in December 2016 to measure if they have gained their target grades.</p> <p>Letter of congratulations from Nick Gibb MP (Minister of State for Schools) - Julie distributed the letter which stated that BGHS were in the top 100 non selective state funded schools in England based on the Key Stage 2 to Key Stage 4 for ‘value added’ measure.</p> <p>Value Added – At the last meeting we all discussed the importance of Batley Girls’ value added results; parents suggested more awareness was needed for parents to understand ‘value added’ and comparison with the league table. Therefore parents submitted the article to Batley News which was published. Julie distributed the article.</p> <p>Batley Heritage Project in conjunction with Al-Hikmah Centre is working with Year 7 &amp; 12 students. This project is for students to be involved in a family history research project. Julie distributed the pro forma used and some of the completed case studies. These case studies will be permanently exhibited at the Al- Hikmah Centre.</p> <p>The Forum was also informed by Julie that BGHS has been oversubscribed for the new Year 7 entry and have 76 students on the waiting list.</p> | <p>Please see BGHS Website, Parents’ Forum to view article.</p>  |
| 3.   | <p><b>Jodi Ramsden (Head of PE) &amp; Rashida Salloo Sports Mentor – Mums’ Team.</b> Jodi and Rashida explained about a practical sports activity which involves parents and their daughters to take part in activities together. Discussions took place on various ideas and the activities are to involve a competition, teambuilding and to be fun as well. Additionally the activities will be linked into charities. We are hoping to start in September 2016.</p>   | <p>Further ideas and dates to be discussed at next Meeting</p>   |
| 4    | <p><b>Donna McDougal</b> Donna introduced herself as working with the community on this agenda. School has devised a new name for <b>Prevent</b> which is <b>Together</b>. This is our own agenda for protecting our own students. The Together Hub consists of a number of professionals who meet regularly to develop projects for our school community. Donna introduced herself as working with the community on this agenda. Discussion took place about a visit to Dewsbury Custody Suite and Magistrates Court. Parents were very interested in this visit.</p>  | <p>Please let IA know if any parents would like to join <b>Together</b>. IA &amp; Donna to suggest dates at next meeting</p> |
| AOB  | <p>Parent Governors – There is still a vacancy for a parent governor.<br/>           Parent Pay – IA informed PF group the minimum amount on Parent pay is now £10</p>  |  |

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|  | Uniform was discussed- Blazers will be compulsory for Years 7 & 8. For all students sweatshirts & cardigans will have one colour, which will be red. |                     |
|  | The next meeting: <b>Wednesday 18 May 2016 10.30am – 12 noon</b>   | IA will email<br>PF |