

MINUTES OF PARENTS' FORUM MEETING 18/5/2016
Batley Girls' High School – Visual Arts College

Item		Action
1.	Welcome & Introductions	
	<p>Present: Julie Haigh (Co Head), Iffat Ahmad (Chair & Community Liaison), Jodi Ramsden(Head of PE) +19 Parents</p>	
2.	<p>Julie Haigh</p> <p>Together Updates</p> <p>The Batley Heritage Project in conjunction with Mr Lunat OBE at the Al-Hikmah Centre is working with Year 7 & Year 12 students. This project is for students to be involved in a family history research project. These case studies will be permanently exhibited at the Al-Hikmah Centre.</p> <p>A series of guest lectures have been arranged. Dr Afshin Shahi (Director of the Centre for the Study of Political Islam at the University of Bradford) will be delivering his lecture on the Middle East on 8th June.</p> <p>Online Internet Safety session for parents has been arranged for 26th May at 3pm.</p> <p>White Paper - The Government announced a U-turn on all schools becoming an academy.</p> <p>Value Added - Batley Girls' has the best value added in Kirklees for the sixth year running.</p> <p>Key Stage 3 Update - 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>Gifted & Talented – Students who have been identified for this programme will meet once a month with Mrs Goel. The programme emphasises students' reflection and challenges.</p> <p>Alumnae Event- Feedback from the event held in March. Some parents from the forum group had attended and gave a positive feedback re this event.</p>	
3.	<p>Jodi Ramsden (Head of PE) & Rashida Salloo Sports Mentor – Mums' Team. Jodi and Rashida explained about a practical sports activity which involves parents and their daughters to take part in activities together and the activities are to involve a competition, teambuilding and to be fun as well. Additionally the activities will be linked into charities. These sessions will commence from Thursday 8th September 1.30pm–3pm. Letters have been sent home.</p>	
4	<p>Iffat Ahmad – Iffat informed parents that the school has been awarded the Careers Standards for CEIAG. This award will be presented at the next Parents' Forum meeting.</p>	
5	<p>Donna McDougal - Donna introduced herself as working with the community on this agenda. School has devised a new name for <i>Prevent</i> which is <i>Together</i>. This is our</p>	Please let IA if you would

	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. Further to these developments, we are having a visit to Dewsbury Custody Suite on Wednesday 25 th May. A visit to the Magistrates Court is being planned for Autumn term 2016.	like to attend the visit for the custody suite Dewsbury
AOB	Karen Chambers from Art spoke about Art workshops, on how parents can help their daughters. If you would like to be involved please email kchambers@batleygirls.co.uk Food workshops – Thursday 1.30-3pm. Please contact Steph Holt sholt@batleygirls.co.uk	
	The next meeting: Wednesday 13 July 2016 10.30am–12 noon 11.30 – Award presentation.	IA will email PF