

MINUTES OF PARENTS' FORUM MEETING 5/10/2016
Batley Girls' High School – Visual Arts College

Item		Action
1.	<p>Welcome & Introductions</p> <p>Present: Julie Haigh (Co Head), Iffat Ahmad (Chair & Community Liaison), PC Donna McDougal (Prevent Engagement Officer) + 12 parents</p>	
2.	<p>Julie Haigh</p> <p>Together Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feedback from our invitation to and participation in <p>SECRETARY GENERAL'S 3RD ANNUAL REPORT ON THE "STATE OF DEMOCRACY, HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE RULE OF LAW: A SECURITY IMPERATIVE FOR EUROPE" "SAFE SPACES": CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES AND FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION IN CLASSROOM</p> <p>In recognition of the strength of the work we do on citizenship and current affairs, we were invited by the Council of Europe to Strasbourg. David Cooper and Julie Haigh took part in an international debate, which will lead to a pilot project in Autumn. We were the only school to participate and were the only UK representatives.</p> <p>CAT Testing for new Year 7. Initial assessment for all students entering Batley Girls' High school in September. This assessment will indicate if students are secondary ready. 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>The next Alumnae event has been planned for 14th July 2016 5pm -7pm – This event will include a tribute to the late former member of staff, Ruby Clark, who sadly passed away earlier this year.</p>	
3.	<p>Mums' Team, Update - Practical sports activity which involves parents and their daughters to take part in activities together 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 –As mentioned from the previous meeting, Batley Girls' High has been awarded the Careers Standards for CEIAG. The Careers Standards award was awarded by Gerald Hey, Chief Executive of Calderdale & Kirklees Careers Service to the School during the PF meeting. Staff, parents and students were present at this award ceremony.</p>	
5	<p>Donna McDougal - Donna introduced herself as working with the community on this agenda. School has devised a new name for Prevent which is Together. 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.</p>	<p>Please let IA if you would like to attend the visit for</p>

	Parents' Forum continued their series of visits which link to careers aspirations for their daughter. Donna kindly arranged a visit to the Custody Suite at Dewsbury Police Station to look at police processes. They also heard from members of the police force about career pathways. A visit to the Magistrates Court in Huddersfield is being planned for the Autumn term 2016.	Magistrate Court or/and the Together Hub meeting
AOB	PF discussed parents wishing to know more on opportunities into apprenticeships.	IA to organise presentation at next PF meeting.
	The next meeting: Wednesday 5th October 2016 10.30am–12 noon	IA will email PF