

MINUTES OF PARENTS' FORUM MEETING 30/11/2016
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) + 15 Parents</p>	
2.	<p>Julie Haigh: Role of Parents' Forum Moving Forward</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to develop the role • How can PF support School • How we can work together to improve attendance. <p>Group work discussions took place to explore further developments for above role.</p>	<p>Parent Forum development/supporting the school. Promote Fun and Fitness Thurs 2.00pm-3.00pm. Coffee morning twice a year. Offer to support and help school events. Parents to food taster sessions regarding school dinner review. Visit Warwick Road. Parents' Forum website. Fundraising events. Greater use of feedback forms. Support with how to help with homework. Consultation. More information about times of functions and events. Letters to parents well in advance of events. Parent governor elections discussed. Governor information is on the website.</p> <p>Improving attendance Develop further rewards programme (in hand). Ensure parents have knowledge of system. 'Day out' reward. Rewards (such as certificates) for parents. Trophies Send out letter about arriving early and road safety (complete). Satellite wellbeing provision for Sixth Form. Greater monitoring of planners as a means to communicate. Use of fines. Help parents to understand the importance of attendance.</p>

3	<p>David Cooper - Question Time Friday 2nd December - 12.30pm & 1.50pm - After our successful event from last year we are holding our second Question Time. On the panel are Craig Whittaker (Conservative MP for Calder Valley), Baroness Pinnock (Liberal Democrat Life Peer and Kirklees Councillor for Cleckheaton Ward) Tracy Brabin (Labour MP for Batley & Spen), Professor Anand Menon (Director of “The UK in a Changing Europe” and Professor of European Politics and Foreign Affairs at Kings’ College, London) and Hawa Patel, (Batley Girls’ Student Political Lead).</p> <p>In addition, prior to Question Time, a group of students from Year 10 through to Year 13 were part of a discussion group with Professor Menon and were interviewed by Len Tingle, BBC’s Political Editor Yorkshire, and featured on the BBC’s Sunday Politics Show.</p> <p>Digital Technology – DC and Dr Jon Barber have completed a bid for a grant which, if successful, will be used to fund a training opportunity for parents and families on the theme of making the most of digital technology.</p> <p>Department of Civil Service - We have a developing relationship as a school with the Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS). In October we took a group of 30 students to the department in Parliament where they received a session on careers opportunities within the Civil Service. BEIS will now be visiting the school on 8th February 2017 to run additional sessions. As the Civil Service is the second biggest employer (after the NHS) this should prove to be a very positive relationship. We are the first school to work with BEIS outside of the Inner London area.</p>	<p>If you would like to attend then please let Iffat know.</p>
4	<p>Iffat Ahmad – University Visit to Bradford provisional date Tuesday 25th January 2017. 10.15am – 2.45pm</p> <p>Feedback from Careers Convention which took place on 19th October. IA feedback - there were more parents who attended then before. Some parents thought there were less providers then before. IA explained there was additional room used for STEM (Science, Technology, engineering and Maths) but there were the same number of providers as last year.</p> <p>Christmas lunch – Wednesday 14th December 11.50am.</p>	<p>Let Iffat know if you would like to attend.</p>
5	<p>Tour of the school was planned but there was not enough time. Proposed tour planned for next meeting.</p>	
AOB	<p>Parents from Warwick Road Primary School suggested for school staff to visit the primary school for food tasting.</p> <p>Parents suggested another Coffee Morning</p>	<p>IA to liaise with parents re date/time</p>

	The next meeting: Wednesday 1 February 2017 10.30am–12 noon	IA will email PF
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