

MINUTES OF PARENTS' FORUM MEETING 5/10/2016
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) PC Donna McDougal (Prevent Engagement Officer) + 30 Parents</p>	
2.	<p>Julie Haigh Exam Results – Over the Summer Batley Girls' High school students received outstanding results. Our GCSE results with Maths & English were 68%.</p> <p>We have maintained our position for Value Added. Best score in Kirklees!</p> <p>New Extension -The School has had a new extension to our English & Science Departments. Maths has also had a refurbishment with additional classrooms.</p>	IA and JCH to organise a tour at the next PF meeting
2	<p>David Cooper - Student Council/6th Form Leadership - DC explained how students are very active in their roles on supporting initiatives in school and the community. The student leadership roles of Co-Head students are based on our similar model as our own Co-Head Teachers.</p> <p>Dental Project – Ten students from our Sixth Form are working closely with Leeds University on Ethics.</p> <p>Question Time Friday 2nd December – After our successful event from last year we are holding our second Question Time. If you would like to attend please let Iffat know.</p>	
3.	<p>Julie Tipper – Careers Adviser - Calderdale & Kirklees Careers Service – Julie introduced herself and outlined the role she had within school. Julie gave a presentation to the PF group on Apprenticeships. Parents found the presentation very informative and asked the presentation link to be on the school website. Julie informed parents that she would be happy to see parents with their daughters for their careers interview.</p> <p>Julie Tipper's email address julie.tipper@ckcareers.org.uk</p>	IA – Link for apprenticeships on Parents' Forum and Careers website.
4	<p>Iffat Ahmad –Mums' Team, Update – This is a practical sports activity which involves parents and their daughters taking part in activities together to involve a competition, teambuilding and to be fun as well. Additionally the activities will be linked into charities. Sessions have commenced and the activity is on Thursdays 1.30pm–3pm. Letters have been sent home.</p> <p>IA informed PF group of the whole School Careers Convention which is on Thursday 20th October 2016. Parents are invited between 12.10pm – 1.20pm and will receive invitation letters.</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. Parents' Forum continued their series of visits which link to careers</p>	Please let IA if you would like to attend the Visit for Magistrates

	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.	Court or/and the Together Hub meeting
AOB	New parents who joined the Forum would like to visit Universities	IA to organise
	The next meeting: Wednesday 30th November 2016 10.30am–12 noon	IA will email PF