

MINUTES OF PARENTS' FORUM MEETING 10/10/2017
Batley Girls' High School – Visual Arts College

Item		Action
1.	Welcome & Introductions	
	<p>Present: Julie Haigh (Co Head), David Cooper (Co Head) Iffat Ahmad (Chair & Community Liaison), Mark Limbert (Premises Manager), Steph Holt/Jean May (Governors) + 16 Parents</p>	
2.	<p>Julie Haigh:</p> <p>Multi Academy Trust – JH explained about the structure of the MAT to parents. Mat schools consist of Upper Batley High School and Healy Lane J,I & N school, will be joining the MAT, Dec 2017. Healy J,I & N school has now appointed a new head teacher Mrs Luisa Lang. There is a strong emphasis to keep the MAT within the local community so the community will benefit from this.</p> <p>GCSE/A Level Results – Headlines. Excellent GCSE results from a challenging year group. Maths & English is 46%.</p> <p>A level, first phase of the liner exams – 2 Year course with a final exam.</p> <p>Beacon Schools North Of England</p> <p>Extended learning days – JH informed PF group re the value impact on extended learning days. Last term school delivered 'I Can' Day. There was 4 sessions on a carousel basis which students had the opportunity to take part. Activities included: Zip Wire, Samba, and Presentation from the Investigator. The outcome of this day was to build self-confidence, Rising to challenge, Building resilience, Team work and mutual support (in new form groups).</p>	
3	<p>David Cooper -</p> <p>Co-Heads Communication Letter – Every Half term</p> <p>Senior Leaders are patrolling lesson, corridors and staffing Isolation – Positive impact.</p> <p>Parents & Daughters Project. A Pilot Project to Improve Progress, Attitudes to School and Attendance for a Cohort of High Ability Students in Year 9-11 at BGHS</p> <p>To improve the progress, attendance and attitudes to school of the selected cohort.</p> <p>To build parental involvement into a series of key conversations and activities in order to enhance parental understanding and provide greater opportunities for guidance and support.</p>	

	<p>To improve home-school communication and information flow.</p> <p>To promote greater understanding of progression routes in parents and their daughters and thereby improve aspiration and self-ambition.</p> <p>To inculcate a “can do”, positive mind set amongst both parents and their daughters through key note sessions.</p>	
	<p>Barbra Petty – Police Neighbourhood Coordinator. Barbara. Discussed at the forum about local & cybercrime. There was a lot of discussions on the traffic and parking on Windmill Lane when both schools BGHS & Windmill Primary at the start and end of the school day.</p>	<p>Safety Awareness</p> <p>School council</p> <p>BP to send out parking letters, this is a standard letter where schools then can send these letters to residents.</p>
	<p>Pastoral Managers/Progress Leaders: As requested from previous meeting, PF wished to meet the Pastoral managers/Progress leaders.</p>	
4	<p>Iffat Ahmad –</p> <p>Careers Convention – Thursday 19th October 12.30 - 1.15pm.</p> <p>Some parents have not received letters</p>	<p>IA to follow up with a text message to all parents.</p>
AOB	<p>Communication – Some of the parents discussed they would also like to receive PF updates through, What’s app. Salma Patel has kindly offered to update the group.</p>	<p>Please provide your name and number to Iffat Ahmad on iahmad@batleygirls.co.uk confirming you would like to receive updates on Parents' Forums via WhatsApp. You will then be contacted by a member of the group</p>
	<p>School Reception – 3.30pm -5pm. Parents raised concerns on contacting school on a matter of emergency.</p>	<p>Solution</p>
	<p>The next meeting date: Tuesday 5th December 2017 10.11.30am</p>	<p>IA will email PF</p>