

MINUTES OF PARENTS' FORUM MEETING 17/5/2017
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), Mark Limbert (Premises Manager), Vicky Etchells (Achievement Lead KS3) + 11 Parents</p>	
2.	<p>Julie Haigh:</p> <p>Reporting & Attitude to Learning- JH introduced Vicky Etchells (Achievement Lead for KS3) to the PF group. JH explained how parents are informed every half term on how their daughters are progressing. JCH and VE put forward their suggestions. There was a general discussion and parents expressed which version they preferred.</p> <p>Extended learning days – JH informed PF group re the value impact on extended learning days. Before the end of this term school is planning the 'I Can' Day. There will be 4 sessions on a carousel basis.</p> <p>Building self-confidence, Rising to challenge, Building resilience, Team work and mutual support (in new form groups)</p> <p>JH also informed PF group how successful the Big Day Out was 18 months ago. Plans are in place for arranging another visit in the next academic year 2017/18.</p> <p>Students/Staff Survey – JH explained that this was compiled collaboratively in order that the Leadership could learn and analyse from the feedback from the surveys on how to move forward in future planning.</p>	<p>Parents to be kept informed on these arrangements and if they would like to participate in these planned visits.</p>
3	<p>David Cooper -</p> <p>Feedback from Parents' Forum visit to Leeds Beckett University - Through our collaboration with Leeds Beckett University and Doing Social we have been involved in the Co-Creation of a new degree programme, which will be offered by Leeds Beckett University from September 2018. Parents and students were involved in two co-creation sessions, one held at the school and one at the University, where they contributed to the shaping of the new degree. Following this, we are in the process of establishing a Social Innovation Parents' and Students' satellite group at the school, which will connect the degree programme and establish social innovation projects in our local community which are efficient, sustainable and serve the needs of local residents. In addition, three of our students are now sitting on a steering group for the degree programme.</p>	<p>If any parents would like to be involved in the steering group please let IA know</p>

	<p>Feedback Guest Speakers Programme – Next Steps DC discussed the series of guest lecturers who have delivered high quality lectures in school for last 2 years. There were general discussions on how to implement the next phase of guest speakers.</p> <p>Spotlight on Careers suggestions for discussion – DC explained we will have members of the community, Alumnae and parents through recommendation to talk to our students on their pathway into careers- there was a general discussion on the focus on Key stage 3 students.</p>	Names to IA
4	<p>Iffat Ahmad –</p> <p>Student Finance – Response from Jo Johnson, Minister of State for University and Science. IA gave out the response from the Government Minister re alternative student finance. PF held positive discussions re this response.</p> <p>Alumnae Event in conjunction with the Summer Art Exhibition. Thursday 13th July. PF group discussed holding stalls such as selling confectionery items and henna/face painting. Any proceeds raised will be allocated to the PF fund.</p> <p>Mark Limbert – School Website – ML showcased the school website and explained about the curriculum information which is sectioned in each year group.</p>	
AOB	<p>Common Transfer Evening, Tuesday 4 July, 5pm -7pm, for new Year 7 students and parents. Parents were keen for PF to hold their own information stall.</p> <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>School Banquet at Warwick Road Primary School – Salma Patel informed PF event on Monday 22 May, 5-15 pm 7-15pm – Tickets £10</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>The next meeting dates:</p> <p>Wednesday 5 July 2017 10.30am-12 noon</p> <p>Tuesday 10th October 2017 10.30am–12 noon</p>	IA will email PF