

**MINUTES OF PARENTS' FORUM MEETING 5/12/2017**  
**Batley Girls' High School – Visual Arts College**

Item		Action
1.	<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b>	
	<p><b>Present:</b>            Julie Haigh (Co Head), David Cooper (Co Head) Iffat Ahmad (Chair &amp; Community Liaison), Mark Limbert (Premises Manager), Steph Holt/Jean May (Governors) + 14 Parents</p>	
	<p><b>Gillian Hughes (Deputy Head)</b> Jade Smith &amp; Ayesha Ayub, Kirklees Prevent – Explained about their recent visit to Northern Ireland. The strategy for Prevent was a different perception to the Kirklees stagey. There were no discussions with students in schools.</p>	<p>Relaunch Together group:            Critical Thinking            Carry My story            Change Project</p>
2.	<p><b>Julie Haigh – David Cooper (Co-heads)</b></p> <p><b>Teaching School-</b> We hope to obtain this prestigious status. Eligibility is for school ranked 'Outstanding' over several years. Must be able to show evidence of building cohesion and collect evidence.</p> <p>Outcomes: School will receive £60K and another additional £40K.</p> <p><b>Multi Academy Trust</b> – JH explained about the structure of the MAT to parents. MAT schools consist of Upper Batley High School and Healy Lane J,I &amp; N school, will be joining the MAT from Dec 2017. Another local school has expressed an interest in joining. There is a strong emphasis to keep the MAT within the local community, so local students will benefit from the outstanding Educational practice.</p> <p><b>Online Safety</b> – Mark Limbert, discussed the online safety policy. ML went through the links for online safety which are on the school website. Links for parents can be accessed for more information.</p> <p><b>Parliamentary Review</b> - The Co-Heads have been invited to Parliament in September 2018 to showcase our outstanding provision.</p> <p><b>Parents &amp; Daughters Project.</b> 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 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.            To improve home-school communication and information flow.</p>	<p>Parents to email school with their thoughts on the Online safety links.</p>

	<p>To promote greater understanding of progression routes in parents and their daughters and thereby improve aspiration and self-ambition.</p> <p>To promote a “can do”, positive mind set amongst both parents and their daughters through key note sessions.</p>	
<b>4</b>	<p><b>Iffat Ahmad – East Meets West</b> – IA requested support from the forum for this event.</p> <p><b>Coffee Morning</b> – After the success of the last event, it was suggested to arrange another coffee morning.</p>	<p>Salma Patel to inform the PF What’s app group re this event.</p> <p>IA to confirm booking of date for next coffee morning &amp; to invite school staff.</p>
<b>AOB</b>	<p><b>Communication</b> – Some of the parents discussed they would also like to receive PF updates through, WhatsApp. Salma Patel has kindly offered to update the group.</p>	<p>Please provide your name and number to Iffat Ahmad on <a href="mailto:iahmad@batleygirls.co.uk">iahmad@batleygirls.co.uk</a> 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><b>Xmas lunch</b> – Wednesday 20 Dec – 11.45am</p>	<p>Salma Patel to inform the PF WhatsApp group re this event.</p>
	<p>The next meeting date: <b>Tuesday 6 February 2018 10.11.30am</b></p>	<p>IA will email PF</p>