

MINUTES OF PARENTS' FORUM MEETING 8/5/2018
Batley Girls' High School – Visual Arts College

Item		Action
1.	Welcome & Introductions	
	<p>Present:</p> <p>Julie Haigh (Co-Head), David Cooper (Co-Head), Iffat Ahmad (Chair & Community Liaison), Mark Limbert (Premises Manager), Carole Sallery and Jean May (Governors) + 11 Parents</p>	
2.	<p>Julie Haigh and David Cooper (Co-Heads):</p> <p>Multi Academy Trust – JCH explained about the structure of the MAT to parents. MAT schools consist of Upper Batley High School and Healy Lane J,I & N school who have already joined the MAT. Batley Grammar and Field Lane J, I & N school will also be 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>Ramadan Letter - A copy of a the Ramadan and Eid –al-Fitr letter from Heckmondwike Grammar School was shared with Parents Forum. The Forum felt some of the information was important for parents and they were interested what support was given in school. It was decided to condense the letter and adapt this to our school community.</p> <p>Pupil premium students who are fasting would be provided with a Iftar (Breaking of fast) food bag.</p> <p>PE was a concern, parents did understand that this is important to deliver into the curriculum but felt their daughters can struggle with the activities during Ramadan.</p> <p>Lanyards – School has been focusing on respect along the corridors and</p>	<p>Co-Heads to adapt the letter –Link on the school website</p> <p>Co-Heads to liaise with the PE dept.</p>

	<p>around school. All students will be issued rules on back of their lanyards.</p> <p>Praise Board - JCH explained about the praise board (Situating in the Learning Resource Centre) where staff and students could nominate.</p> <p>Zakaria Islamic School – Discussions around the local school closing. Co-heads explained there were only so many students we could enrol per year group. Local authority and school agree on the PAN (Published Admission Number)</p> <p>Change Project – Parents Forum were asked to be involved in the Change Project Workshop. Session to be delivered by artist in early September 2018.</p> <p>Catering – Positive feedback re new catering company.</p>	<p>IA to inform PF re this date and time.</p>
3	<p>School App – Continued to be trialled by Parents Forum.</p>	
4	<p>Careers – DC spoke about the new national careers (Gatsby Benchmarks) programme launching in September 2018.</p> <p>Would like PF to be part of our Careers Ambassadors.</p> <p>Leading Parent Partnership Award - IA announced the school would value Parents forum and governors on working on this vital award. It was discussed to form a working party.</p>	<p>Working party to work on this ward at the next PF meeting.</p>
	<p>Joanna Seal – Safeguarding officer/Social worker JS discussed with PF raised the following: Safeguarding, Wellbeing, Parenting issues, Parenting group, Internet Safety - Assembly, Mental health, Young</p>	<p>To follow on how we can support with other parents.</p>

	carers in school., Emotional support.	
AOB	<p>School day – timings – Some discussions re timings suggestion for finish time, 2.30pm for students as this would ease traffic congestion on Windmill Lane. JCH confirmed there would be a two-year consultation for any changes to school day.</p> <p>Communication – 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 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 date:</p> <p>Tuesday 3 July 2018, 10-11.30am</p>	IA will email PF