

**MINUTES OF PARENTS' FORUM MEETING 9/10/2018**  
**Batley Girls' High School – Visual Arts College**

Item		Action
1.	<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b>	
	<p><b>Present:</b></p> <p>Julie Haigh (Co-Head), David Cooper (Co-Head), Iffat Ahmad (Chair &amp; Community Liaison), Carole Sallery, Jean May &amp; Stephanie Holt(Governors) + 18 Parents</p>	
2.	<p><b>Julie Haigh and David Cooper (Co-Heads):</b></p> <p><b>GCSE Results:</b> JH announced our excellent GCSE results. Progress scores have increased significantly. Official results will be released December 2018 by DFE.</p> <p><b>Visit by Claudia Harris (CEO Careers Enterprise Company):</b> We were delighted to host a visit by Claudia. DC thanked Parents Forum for attending and contributing in discussions re Parental Engagement with Careers. DC announced that Kirklees has been awarded as one of twenty Careers Hub nationally and Batley Girls' &amp; Upper Batley were the lead schools. This is a two-year national programme where all schools/colleges have to achieve the 8 Gatsby benchmarks. There are 3 working parties in Kirklees and we are leading Parental Engagement: Removing Social Barriers.</p> <p><b>Parental Careers Ambassadors for Kirklees: Careers –</b> Would like PF to be part of our Careers Ambassadors.</p> <p><b>Moonlight Trust:</b> Nousheen Raja in school to talk about her moving journey and fundraising to 6th form on Friday 26th October 2.10pm -3pm - Parents Forum invited to attend.</p> <p><b>Parliamentary Review:</b> Batley Girls' &amp; Upper Batley have been included in the parliamentary review. Recently DC</p>	<p>IA to send out invite by email</p>

	<p>and SLT from UBHS attended a reception at Houses of Parliament. Copies of this review were shared with Parents Forum.</p> <p><b>Parental Involvement:</b></p> <p><b>Parent classes (Hairdressing/Beauty, English as a Foreign Language:</b></p> <p><b>Question Time: Friday 7th December 2.10pm -3pm - Parents Forum invited.</b></p>	<p>IA to send out invite by email</p>
3	<p><b>Iffat Ahmad:</b></p> <p><b>Whole School Careers Convention -</b> Tuesday 16th October - Parents &amp; Daughter session:12.25pm -1.15pm</p> <p><b>Visit to Durham University:</b> Wed 28th or Thurs 29th November (TBC) Leave school 8am return 5/6pm. Parents were invited to sign up if they would like to attend.</p> <p><b>Leading Parent Partnership Award:</b> 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>IA to confirm date by email</p> <p>Working party to work on this award at the next PF meeting.</p>

<p><b>AOB</b></p>	<p><b>Work Placement:</b> Discussions took place re Key Stage 4 students participating in work placements.</p> <p><b>Life skills:</b> Also discussed was students need more life skills sessions.</p> <p><b>Online Homework:</b> JH discussed the benefit of online homework.</p> <p><b>Inappropriate Language:</b> Discussions re inappropriate language mainly outside school premises. General consensus this was happening more and more at other schools as well.</p> <p><b>Lanyards:</b> School has been focusing on respect along the corridors and around school. All students will be issued rules on back of their lanyards.</p> <p><b>Food Bank:</b> The food bank appreciated the seasonal fruit which was delivered recently.</p> <p><b>Roshni - Mental Health workshop -</b> Parent would like to introduce this workshop to Parents Forum.</p> <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>Co-heads action with Governors. IA to discuss with PSHE team</p> <p>Curriculum content on website</p> <p>Co-heads/SLT to reinforce respect in assemblies.</p> <p>More information to follow</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>The next meeting date:</p> <p><b>Tuesday 4 December 2018, 10-11.30am</b></p>	<p>IA will email PF</p>