

Parent Forum Meeting Minutes: Wednesday 12th July 2017, 9.30am

Future Plans

Six Parents' Forums and six Coffee Mornings were held this year, which is the most we have ever run. At the last Parents' Forum, we discussed what parents' thought went well this year and what could be improved on.

The aim for next year by end of summer is to have a summer fete (music, school fundraising with games, stalls, stage, food). If planned correctly, it would be a great showcase for school. Mr Jones will speak to Mrs Smith about the idea. Sumer Fate Association (SFA) will cover the Parents' Forum too, to organise the summer fete.

We would like to hold bi-weekly/weekly parent surgeries to discuss data, behaviour, SEN and EAL. We would continue to hold Parent Forum meetings but stop Parent Coffee Mornings, so surgeries can be held instead.

Zahra from the Parent Engagement Team will be returning to Bow School next year. Zahra can discuss topics in the Parents' Forum and we would like Zahra to work with Bow on links with primary schools for Parent Forums'.

Next year, we will try to create better links to the school calendar.

Parents' Priorities

Parents received text messages about the Annie performances which will be happening this week. However, parents suggested they could have received information about how parents could be involved in the production.

Text messages text phone numbers that are priority on the system.

Action: Mr Jones and Emily to check if additional mobile numbers can be added to the School Coms messaging system. It is possible to send a text to both parents, but it will mean double the cost. Alternatively, the priority number can be changed.

Year 9 support:

- Weekly PSHE lessons
- Careers advice to start in September
- In December, a Pathways Evening takes place. Mr Hall discusses about GCSE grades, qualifications etc.
- By April, parents receive what their child will be studying for GCSE's from June. In June, students start studying for their GCSE's (around 9/10) and are given new timetables
- Parent whose child has been through the options process felt the information about pathways was very informative and helpful
- Want to give students a broad subject choice
- Around December/January, science started to deliver GCSE content to classes

Spotlight

Spotlight is a drop in centre and they now run in 4 different places. They are running summer activities, with some of the courses accredited for. Mr Jones will be adding information about Spotlight to the newsletter with locations, maps and contact names and links on the school website.

Action: Mr Jones to check if Doddle passwords have been sent to parents. In September, we will hold a Parents' Forum in the Waterside Theatre for all parents and Ms Bjelica will update on Doddle

Dates of 2017-18 Parent Forums and Coffee Mornings TBC