

Parent Forum Meeting Minutes: Wednesday 8th February 2017 2016, 9.45am

1. Discussion/actions from last Coffee Morning/Parent Forum

Parent Pay/School Coms

School will be buying a new system called School Coms, which own Parent Pay. It will change the way payments can be made by parents (e.g. deposit system for lockers) and the text messaging system.

Bow Space/homework diaries

In the last Parent Forum, some parents were in favour of electronic homework diaries.

Mr Jones is looking into a postcard planner – students complain about carrying their diaries.

Bow Extra!

Bow Extra Co-ordinator presentation:

- BowExtra! tracker for all students
- Year 11 intervention log tracker
- Autumn term 1/2 summary of clubs – years 7 is the largest attendance
- Trips and visits summary, including camping and Stubbers trip
- KS3 girls vs boys breakdown – has been more trips for girls
- Popular clubs include chess & crossword, performing arts, trampolining
- New clubs include F1 in Schools, dodgeball, Y10 ICT intervention, Y9 art project
- Feedback provided from staff
- Overview of what went well this term – girls gym, good attendance across all creative and sports clubs, East Meets West production

Clubs are organised for before school, lunchtime and after school

2. Food poverty/foodbank

Action: Denise from the Tower Hamlets Foodbank to be invited to the next Parent Forum

Action: Signpost on the school website which foodbank school provides supplies to and how parents can access this

3. Young Carers awareness

Assemblies to students addressed what a young carer is. Some students were unaware they were young carers.

4. Doodle – date for next Parent Forum

Second ARD is taking place on Friday 17th March 2017.

School reports will now show skills children can do well and skills they need to work on.

5. Bow App

Bow School app exists and key information is uploaded. However, the app needs updating.

6. Mobile Phone Policy

At the last Parent Forum, parents agreed students shouldn't have mobile phones in school.

Internet awareness week is this week and assemblies were presented to year 11, 12 and 13 on Monday 6th February.

Majority of parents feel their children do not need their mobile phones in school.

Some parents feel it's good for children to have their mobile phones at school so parents can contact them after school if they're late home.

Wi-Fi is encrypted for students to not use.

Parents are concerned students could be teased for what mobile phone they have.

Parent raised do we become a no phones school?

One parent feels mobile phones should be allowed in school if children follow the rules made e.g. turning it off, not using in school.

Majority of parents feel banning mobile phones at the school gates should happen.

Action: Mr Jones to bring Student Voice feedback to the next Parent Forum on mobile phones

Action: Signpost on the school website about where to find information on the mobile phone policy

7. CAMHS Coffee Morning

The first CAMHS Coffee Morning is taking place on Friday 24th February, 10am – 12pm, for parents with children who attend CAMHS.

**Next Coffee Morning: Wednesday 1st March 2017
10.00 – 11.00am**

**Next Parent Forum: Wednesday 29th March 2017
Refreshments: 9.15 - 9.45am
Parent Forum: 9.45 - 10.30am**

Agenda:

- Foodbank