

Parents Forum Meeting Minutes: Thursday 13th October 2016, 9.45am

1. Doodle and life after levels

An information booklet was provided for parents at ARD in September.

Examinations are now much more difficult and there are no more levels at KS3. As part of the new levels system, the current year 11's will receive an English and maths GCSE level, graded 1 – 9. Aspirational targets have been set for year 11's.

Bow School have partnered with Doodle.

Students will be skills assessed and tracked in which they can/cannot do. The new approach is linked closely with the new GCSE system.

A RAG (red, amber, green) system is in place to show the students skills progress:

- red: not secure
- amber: developing
- green: secure

Teachers will Doodle grade twice per half term. A formula is used to calculate if a child is on target. Termly progress report cards for students will be provided for parents.

Each child will have their own Doodle account with a password. Doodle is very interactive - teachers can set tests, quizzes, revision etc. to help develop skills. Teachers can see if a child has completed the work set.

2. Healthy lives

Issue within school is children are bringing sweets, biscuits and fizzy drinks into school. Mr Jones would like to put forward a healthy eating week, which will include parents getting involved.

3. 2 new posts: Bow-extra Coordinator and Women's Education Officer

Bow-extra Coordinator: Miss Mohamud: mohamudho@bow-school.org.uk

Children are encouraged to join 2 extra-curricular clubs. The Bow-extra timetable will change every half term.

Jack Petchey Award

- The winning student will win a prize of £250 for the school and can choose how it will be spent, e.g. a trip or new equipment
- 2 Jack Petchey Award winners this month

Duke of Edinburgh's Award

- The award includes encourages young people to learn new skills
- Recognised nationally and at universities

Women's Education Officer: Ms Rahman: rahmana@bow-school.org.uk

There are currently 205 girls at Bow School. As there are fewer girls than boys, we want to ensure girls feel supported and they are given a voice.

Ms Rahman is currently working with the year 7's transition from primary to secondary school. Girls clubs and trips are being organised e.g. girls gym club. Girls are interested in baking and sewing clubs.

4. Bow Space

All parents will have a log on for Bow Space. Mr Jones is aiming to send a letter to all parents with a log on and password before half term.

All homework will be set on Bow Space and parents will be able to match up their child's planner with Bow Space.

5. Behaviour

A clear and consistent system has been created. A child is given a number of warnings before a 15 or 45 minute detention can be set. Parents are sent text messages that afternoon to inform them if their child has a detention. Parents raised no concerns with the text messaging system.

Detentions are not being set for not completing homework. A member of staff will explain the homework to the child and if it is not completed again, a phone call is made home.

6. PTA (Parent and Teacher Association)

School currently have no PTA but to start one, parents will need to be actively involved. Members will include a Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer. A PTA raises money for school and organise events.

If parents are interested in joining a PTA, please email Mr Jones jonesd@bow-school.org.uk.

7. Emailing parents

Please provide school with any updated phone numbers or email addresses.

8. Parent Engagement Team – Strengthening Families, Strengthening Communities Course

- Builds relationships and skills
- Covers e-safety
- Building better parent relationships
- 13 week programme (1 day per week)
- Timings TBC
- Start date on Thursday 3rd November, depending how many parents sign up (minimum 10 needed)
- If the timings at school aren't convenient, the borough also run the course
- Borough run a Father's course

If parents are interested in joining the SFSC course, please email Mr Jones jonesd@bow-school.org.uk.

Next Coffee Morning: Wednesday 9th November 2016
10.00 – 11.00am

Agenda:

- Bow School app
- How to find out what children are eating in school
- Topping up cards
- PTA

Next Parent Forum: Wednesday 7th December 2016
Refreshments: 9.15 - 9.45am
Parent Forum: 9.45 - 10.30am

Being a parent is hard work!

A parenting course for parents and carers from all backgrounds with children from 3 to 18 years old

**Next course starts
Thursday 3rd November
2016
At Bow School**

**The Strengthening Families
Strengthening Communities
(SFSC) course will help you:**

- Feel more confident about managing your child's behaviour
- Develop a better relationship with your child
- Discuss positive ways to reduce conflict and challenge unacceptable behaviour
- Get new ideas and support from other parents



For further information and to book a place, please contact:

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How can I manage my child's behaviour?

How can I make my child feel proud?

How can I build my own confidence?

Refreshments will be available