

Parent Coffee Morning Minutes: Thursday 22nd September 2016, 10.00am

1. BowExtra! Officer Role: Miss Mohamud

BowExtra! refers to our programme of free Out of Hours Learning, Interventions and Clubs for years 7 – 13. Clubs include:

- Breakfast Club every day before school, with free breakfast
- Homework Club, including a specific English as an Additional Language Homework Club
- Sports, including encouraging girls to attend netball, athletics and football
- Learning to play a musical instrument
- Subject interventions

The BowExtra! timetable is on the school website and is regularly updated. The timetable indicates which clubs are academic, enrichment and sport based and which clubs are specifically aimed for KS3, KS4 or KS5 students.

Duke of Edinburgh's Award

- National Award for years 9 – 10. Miss Mohamud will be promoting the bronze award to year 10's this year.
- The award includes learning new skills, physical exercise challenges and voluntary work.

Jack Petchey Award

- Achievement recognition award
- Students are initially nominated by teachers. Students then vote for those who have been nominated for the award. Students cannot vote for those nominated in their year group.
- 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.
- There will be a winner every month, except for October where there will be 2 winners this year. The winners will be announced in assemblies and Miss Mohamud is looking at other ways to advertise the winner.

Please visit the school website – the 'Learning' tab – 'BowExtra!' – for further information on BowExtra!, the Duke of Edinburgh's Award and the Jack Petchey Award.

2. Bow School App

Parents who have the school app feel there needs to be more information on the app.

3. Women's Education Officer: Ms Rahman

The Women's Education Officer is a new post to help support the girls at Bow School. Girls are in the lower school only, since becoming a mixed school in September 2014.

Ms Rahman is currently working with the year 7 girls to help them with the primary to secondary school change.

There is a 'Girls Room' where around 25 girls go to during lunchtime. Ms Rahman is looking into activities they can have in the Girls Room.

A girl's gym club started last week and was very successful.

Ms Rahman will be arranging for speakers and role models to come into school.

Please email the school email, addressed to Ms Rahman, with any questions or if you need support/advice.

4. Parent & Family Support Service

Zahra Jama is a Parent Support Practitioner for the Parent & Family Support Service and works with Bow School. Zahra will be attending all the Parent Coffee Mornings and Parent Forums.

The Parent & Family Support Service offers parent programmes such as ICT, ICT safety, Strengthening Families, Strengthening Communities course and Emotional First Aid for Parents. Parents can self-refer themselves for these programmes.

5. Next Parents Forum agenda

- Emailing parents

Next Parent Forum: **Thursday 13th October 2016**
Refreshments: 9.15 - 9.45am
Parent Forum: 9.45 - 10.30am

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