



## Parent Voice Team Meeting - The Bourne Academy

Thursday 11 November – 5.30-6.30pm

Actions – in yellow

### Attendance

**Present:** Mark Avoth, Caroline Gobell, Cristina Marques, Lisa Cheeseman, Katherine Spicer, James Roche, Wendy Punal, Wendy May, Jennie Davies, Jaqui Brown, Emily Hitchins, Helga Bamberg, Elisangela Cerencovich.

**Apologies:** Lisa Welsh, Lisa Philogene Jones, Becky Withers,

**Welcome:** to new parents and to JB/EH from the pastoral team.

### Update on Previous Actions (Sept 21)

1. **Suits still for sale** – from Canford, £130 down to £30. Contact CG if you wish to purchase/ suits going onto Depop for sale online
2. Can parents **pay via Scopay** for **Mufti events?** – CG sending letter to parents.
3. **Road Safety** – CG to email parents with reminder of yr group colour badges
4. **Open Day** – 2 x PVT members came to help – thank you very much GS and KS.
5. **Bike Lights** - £75 PVT funds spent on bike lights x 30 sets
6. **Academic Sets Explanation** – Yr 8 sets letter gone out, Yr 7 letter following soon.
7. **Sanitary Products** – PE staff reminding girls in Yr 7/8 changing rooms that products are accessible in first aid, anytime.
8. **Food App/Too much cheese** – catering under tender, so this will be rectified
9. **Large number of parent logins** – MA looking at this

### Pastoral Update

1. **First Impressions Card** – still successful and students very engaged with it.
2. **House Charities** – all chosen and students keen to get involved with choosing and have a contribution based on personal experiences, lovely to see
3. **Bourne Leaders** – newly chosen, great ambassadors and role models
4. **Bourne & Canford Scholars programme** (gifted & talented) for yrs 7-11 – students have been selected and have been busy with Southampton University workshops

### Principal's Briefing

1. **Remembrance Day** – one group of students + staff were representing TBA at the Kinson Hub, and the largest group ever were laying a wreath at our memorial on site (remembering our own fallen hero/past student). Photos on social media
2. **Covid – increased measures** – letter coming tomorrow regarding a further two weeks of measures. We will look at Christmas events and ensure everything can happen safely/possible date changes but we'll keep you informed. Vaccinations moved away from schools in the end and are being offered in local hubs instead
3. **Open Evening** – one of our best yet, and so great to see 700 enthusiastic visitors on site again. We followed up with over 80 tours during normal school days.

4. **Catering** – a new tender process is in progress – thanks to any involvement from parents (students have also been involved). We will be adding an additional server to speed things up/limit the queues. **MA - We'll let you know outcomes asap.**
5. **Celebration of Success** – Yr 12 great evening this week presenting GCSE prizes, certificates and trophies
6. **GALS** – our GALS (Girls as Active Leaders Squad) have been shortlisted for a national award by the Youth Sport Trust. Normally there would be 8-12 girls in the active ACE clubs, but now there are 45-50 girls – a brilliant inspiration to others.
7. **Greenpower Car** – A successful trip to the International Finals – we came 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> and won Best Presented Team. We're looking for a sponsor for these teams and some expertise – **please all consider if you know anyone?**

### Financial Update

Current bank balance approx £1300

### Fundraising Request

To provide funding for two Trophy Cabinets in Reception: to house the Celebration of Success Trophies to inspire students lower down the Academy. **Total £358. Proposer: LC, 2<sup>nd</sup>: WP and CM. Agreed. CG to action payment**

### PVT Fundraising Ideas:

CG invited any fundraising ideas or income solutions but reiterated that no events are taking place as yet. Also important to remember that parents need to assist and spearhead fundraising events.? **Action: All Consider** and email CG with any ideas

### AOB

1. **6<sup>th</sup> form quiet work** – a timetable of empty available classes has been given to 6<sup>th</sup> form students and we are hoping to free up another classroom too
2. **Lockers** – query about who gets access to these? So far approx. 60 Yr 7s have taken up the offer, so now open to anyone – just complete a form and submit it.
3. **BTECs being removed by 2025?** – A lot in the press currently, but in fact there has been much discussion over the last 6-9 months. We are expecting clarity soon, but we are not going to allow our young to be disadvantaged by not doing a vocational course.
4. **Canteen too busy** – after the new tender, it will be reorganised and much better – hoping from January. Long queues is unacceptable. If students are struggling to visit the toilet, buy food and eat it, then we need to help them – please contact heads of house for assistance.
5. **Annual Fund** – CG asked if it was ok for the Annual Fund letters to go out electronically, agreed yes and to follow up with a text. **CG to action.**
6. **Term dates** – new Jubilee date has been added to calendar – **CG to write to parents** outlining this date so that parents can plan – send a link to the term dates page. Also amend January 2022 start dates.
7. **PTCs** – **MA to communicate whether they are due to take place in school or not.**

### Dates of next meetings – 5.30 – 6.30pm

Wednesday 12 January

Wednesday 9 March

**Meeting closed at 6.30pm**