



## Parent Voice Team Meeting - The Bourne Academy

Wednesday 12 January 2022 – 5.30-6.20pm

Actions – in yellow

### Attendance

**Present:** Mark Avoth, Caroline Gobell, Cristina Marques, Lisa Cheeseman, Katherine Spicer, James Roche, Wendy Punal, Hayley Betteridge, Becky Withers, Ed & Joyce Apeh,

**Apologies:** Lisa Philogene Jones,

**Welcome:** to new parents and to HB from the pastoral team.

### Update on Previous Actions (Sept 21)

1. **Food App/Too much cheese** – cheese remedied by new caterers and pre-order App still with technicians, will introduce it asap.
2. **Trophy Cabinets** – awaiting new stock in IKEA, will order with PVT funds asap. £358
3. **BTECS** – are being supported for at least another year whilst work on T-level replacements in progress
4. **Canteen too busy** – to be covered below under catering
5. **PTCs** – confirmed online for time being
6. **Annual Fund** – Confirmed approx. £900 in parent donations + gift aid on top. So total approx. £1000
7. **Term dates** – were updated on website

### Pastoral Update

1. National attendance rates are 88.6%, TBA attendance rates are 90.2% - we we're delighted to be well above national average.
2. Some staff shortages in the academy and pastoral team have occurred over the autumn term, but be assured that everyone in the team is doing their utmost to support students at all times.

### Principal's Briefing

1. **Tutors** – new English and maths tutors have started in small groups for years 10/11/12/13 in small targeted groups. Science tutor starting this month.
2. **GALS** – national award winners, incredible achievement. This student run sports club had 12 participants and now has over 50. It has caught on to the boys who have also increased their participation.
3. **ASPIRE nominations** – continual nominations by staff – we had 90 nominees attend a recent celebration breakfast, served by Senior Leadership Team.
4. **Bourne Scholars Programme** – We are currently launching this new scheme for gifted and talented students. Firstly, we will select approx. 30 x Yr 7 students from the best mid yr assessment grades + other ASPIRE competencies. Our unique relationship with Canford will allow us to use their campus, plus we have working relationships with Southampton University and Winchester College.
5. **Catering** – a new tender process has happened, thanks to KS for helping us with that. Feedback is excellent so far and today's breaktime saw the highest £takings in five years. We will continue to look at speed around the servery area and will be introducing a new outdoor snack kiosk after February half term – called The Pod. MA confirmed that 6<sup>th</sup> Formers can order food at the servery counter (whilst pre-app not working) and they can collect their orders before the lunch bell. Will chase fixing of pre-order app.

## Other News

1. **Photo canvases** – there are a dozen new photo canvases around the Academy, they look fantastic and more are being arranged soon.
2. **Annual Fund** – excellent response from parents to the annual fundraising request – approx. £900 donations + £100 gift aid.

## Financial Update

Current bank balance approx £1300 with £360 due out soon (for Trophy Cabinets agreed at last meeting). Items currently out of stock, but back in soon.

## Fundraising Requests - none

## PVT Fundraising Ideas:

1. **Canford Colour Run** – Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2022 - being renamed the **Canford Rainbow Run**. More details to come soon, but please save the date and spread the word. The more entrants we can submit, the greater the donation to The Bourne Foundation (due to gain 50% proceeds from the whole event).
2. **2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Uniform** – Marketing to email all parents to encourage them to swap used uniform on the PVT facebook page.

## AOB:

- **Year 8 Options** – WP – worried about choosing options for yr 9 without face to face teacher feedback. Documents coming in the post/subject videos on website will help – appointments at the next PTC will also help.
- **Sign Language** – Sign language has become an ACE club – yes, 6<sup>th</sup> formers are eligible to join that
- **Basketball opportunities** – Basketball ACE has been running for the autumn term, and Poole Piranhas play and train in our sports hall on both weekend days. Our ACE clubs rotate throughout the year to give our students different opportunities, but with the LADS Active programme starting next Tuesday, if there is number who want to do basketball, we will run basketball. It is probably our boys second favourite activity behind football.
- **ACE Lists** – have now been emailed
- **Maths Challenge** – can we expand this. **MA to find out** (response since the meeting – see below)
- **Lunch in cold/wet weather** – can students have somewhere dry and warm to eat packed lunch? Yes, they can eat on the lawn or in the Hub (these spaces are not currently being fully utilised). Classrooms open up if the weather if very wet.
- **Slip sanction for toilet access?** This should not be happening, please email your HoH for a toilet pass or for these sanctions to be removed

## Maths Challenges

We enter students for the UK Maths challenges for Junior ( Y7&8), Intermediate ( Y9, 10) and now Senior (Y12). Occasionally Y11 take part in the intermediate but this in the past has conflicted with mock exams so it has been student choice to participate. In the past we have selected students to participate but this year we plan to place all students in set 1 to take part as there is now more flexibility on how this is run ( in Y7 and 8 sets 1 & 4) .

The maths Olympiads and Kangaroos are follow on rounds for the Maths challenges. This is invitation only from the company and based upon scores in the previous challenge rounds. We will be emailed if we have any students eligible to take part when the results come in.

We wanted to participate in the team challenges this year but they will not be running. We will have access to the material and are planning to put on an in school event in the Summer 2 term.

## Dates of next meetings – 5.30 – 6.30pm

Wednesday 9 March, Wednesday 4 May, Wednesday 15 June.

**Meeting closed at 6.20pm**