



## Parent Voice Team Meeting - The Bourne Academy

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2020 – 5.00-6.15pm

### Attendance

**Present:** MA, BL, KF, CG, CM, GS, LC, KS, WP, CS, CM, RN, B, NT, BW, SF, Ed & JA.

**Apologies:** LG, LB (LB has now retired from PVT but happy to help at future events – Linda has been amazing over the years, a huge vote of thanks).

**Pastoral:** brief introduction from KF about her role in the Pastoral Hub and her team of pastoral staff/Heads of House.

### Update on Previous Actions

1. **Canford – Canford Colour Run** – Cancelled due to Covid-19. Back in the diary for April 2021
2. **Suits for Sale** – from Canford, normal RRP: £129 – black or navy (skirts or trousers). Cost to us £30 each – various sizes available. Proceeds kindly donated to our Bourne Foundation. All: contact Caroline by end of Term for a suit, or else they will be marketed to the whole school.

### Principal's Briefing

#### 1. **Coronavirus Pandemic**

MA talked about all the changes which have been made since the start of the pandemic. Behaviour is fantastic and online learning fabulous – students adapting brilliantly and thanks to all students and families for all support given.

- **Wet breaks** – we're planning more shelters eg. marquees (one already trialled). From Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, we launching a new indoor lunch area for each year group, for approx. 30 students at a time. The staffing arrangement for this is massive – covering indoors and outdoors at the same time, so thank you for your patience up until now. MA letter home.
- **Food Lessons** – We're very proud of our practical subjects here at TBA, so delighted to say that Yr 7 has already started a rotation of practical food lessons, and Yr 8 are due to start soon.
- **Extra curricular clubs** – The government advice has been very woolly around this, with no clear advice either way. Our decision is to cancel all extra curricular clubs until the national lockdown is over, then look to introduce clubs again if appropriate after the 2<sup>nd</sup> December announcement. MA to communicate home.
- **Attendance** – we are proud of our pandemic attendance: nationally is 83% and at TBA is 93%.
- **Peri lessons/music** – these have continued as normal

### Parent Feedback on pandemic –

Mental impact on shielding families needing to send their children to school – conflicting advice from medics v educationalists is often hard to marry up. Grateful for all TBA's support in this.

Other parent comments that TBA has been brilliant and work has been great online.

Please could Outdoor Ed minibus please drop off students to the front carpark so as not to breach the bubble of exiting 6<sup>th</sup> formers at the back gate (if the time clashes with an exit). CG to action.

### **Financial update**

Current bank balance £1581 (no movement since last meeting)

No further requests for funding.

### **PTC Evenings – Online Bookings**

CG explained that we are launching a new online booking system, through our communication provider E4, to enable parents to book PTC slots online from January. All agreed to go ahead with this system. CG to action

### **The Bourne Foundation & Annual Fund Letters**

We are delighted to announce that the Bourne Foundation made over £28,000 last year to help with all the extra costs we need to fund to help our students. Over £2000 of that was made through the Parental Annual Fund. Every year we discuss at PVT if it is still suitable to ask for parental contributions: it was agreed that we should proceed this year as normal, provided the letter is sensitively worded due to the pandemic/financial pressures on families. CG to action, with direct debit form attached.

### **Other parent ideas/ thoughts:**

- Can we ask parents to **keep their food and locker £ balances** at the end of a year/end of time at TBA (yr 11/13), and put this money towards the TBF? Great idea. CG to write a template letter to go out asking to keep any final remaining funds.
- Can we ask parents to **keep any remaining childcare voucher funds** in the pot? MA/CG to enquire with finance department to see if this is possible, and to action if so.

### **Ten Year Anniversary**

CG explained that we are making the best of celebrating our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary, despite no events being permitted. We are doing this through logos and references wherever possible, banners, advertising, press articles, planned aerial photo, Canford staff quiz night. Canford School is building a new stone walkway – for every funded stone they receive, they have so kindly pledged to donate a book to our reading programme. We have two titles x 30 books already in progress.

### **PVT Fundraising Ideas:**

1. **Online Tombola** – write a letter to local cafés/pubs asking for vouchers and run the tombola through facebook/payment online etc? CG to investigate, but time is tight for organising this. Can anyone take the lead here? BL to email CG ideas
2. **Online Bingo** – run by Dan Searley? CS happy to donate prize. CS email details to CG

### **AOB**

CK asked about **Canford applications**, help with applying: MA advised to email Mrs Vicky Woodings on [Vicky.woodings@thebourneacademy.com](mailto:Vicky.woodings@thebourneacademy.com)

**Road Safety** – CS mentioned accident on main road last week – traffic still an issue. GS to find a council website link where we can report these problems, and email CG? CG to put link on newsletter/social media.

BL happy to help with Road Safety where needed

KF will request police support and resources and in SMSC time, will ensure there is a focus on Road Safety after Christmas/in Spring Term.

**Performing Arts** – please can certificates or trophies be given out from the previous PA Awards night? CG to ask DM.

Thank you to all staff from BL – Sarah has felt truly welcomed back into TBA 6<sup>th</sup> form. Delighted to be back, def the right choice, and full of thanks and praise. CG to pass on.

**Catering Pre-Order App** – GS - love it, love it! Some days the menu is not varied, but other days very varied. Better priced too. Big thanks. MA replied we'll likely keep it and that catering staff are doing the best they can. We'll come back for volunteers for the new catering tender process. CG to pass on.

**PVT attendance** – several parents commented how much they had enjoyed the meeting, had always wanted to join and would like to continue doing so online in future. CG to action for future meetings.

**Lots of parental thanks** to the staff and whole Academy for everything they are doing and wonderful communications home – from office and teaching staff. Emails always promptly answered. CG pass on.

**Dates of next meetings – 5.00 – 6.00pm**

Wed 13<sup>th</sup> January (BL and LC birthdays 😊)

Wed 28<sup>th</sup> April

Meeting closed at 6.15pm