



Parent Voice Team Meeting - The Bourne Academy

Wednesday 28th April – 5.00-6.25pm

Actions – in yellow

Attendance

Present: MA, KF, KT, CG, CM, LC, KS, WP, BW, PPS, HW, MB.

Apologies: none

Welcome: to new parents and to KF and KT from the pastoral team.

Update on Previous Actions (Nov 2020)

1. **Suits still 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. **Contact CG if you wish to purchase.**
2. **ACE Clubs** – reopened in March, in yr grp bubbles, all parents informed, list on website
3. **Outdoor Ed minibus** – careful not to drop students back anywhere that would breach a yr grp bubble
4. **PTC Evenings** – online system working well and best solution throughout pandemic – parent discussion on opinion going forwards – MA added that it has positively allowed the Academy to have contact with a whole new cohort of parents who wouldn't ordinarily have attended in person.
5. **Annual Fund** – letters sent to parent in December, carefully worded, encouraging parental donations
6. **Ten Yr Anniversary** – no events due to Covid. Canford has raised money for 3 sets of reading books.
7. **Road Safety** – importance of Road Safety reiterated in newsletter and social media
8. **Performing Arts** – certificates and trophies were distributed (from Awards night)
9. **Pandemic feedback** – all positive parent feedback was communicated to all staff, thank you.

Financial Update

Current bank balance £1581.

Letter from bank saying we need to use the account or lose it.

New payment this week being made for £250 – historical income from a 2019 Xmas Mufti Day.

Funding request: £100 donation to our Dr Bike event on 17 June 2021 – where a bike maintenance team from BCP will service bikes for free on site, to be advertised to students. £100 will reimburse for any costs such as: brake cables, inner tubes, repair kits etc. RW proposed and LC seconded – all agreed. **CG to arrange.**

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, online learning was fabulous – students adapted brilliantly, grown up and flourished over the year, despite the many setbacks and deprivations (eg. massive impact on exam groups in years 11 and 13). Thanks to all students and families for all support given. Also, official thanks for the Lateral Flow Testing Team – Catherine Turner, Finola Gilson and all staff and volunteers on the rota from January and who were amazing – at its peak conducting 3000 tests in a week!
2. **Covid Roadmap** – Schools have not received any roadmap yet, we are still hoping that most restrictions will be lifted by end of June, and hopefully, as it stands, by September we can expect total normality. First changes in school, once restrictions ease, will be around facemasks and catering (we are trialling a new routine: different yr groups accessing the HUB on different days)
3. **TAGs** – Teacher Assessed Grades for Yrs 11/13 – these are requiring a great deal of work from staff and students – so proud of everyone's input and effort here.
4. **Summer School** – good news! There is a company helping us to set up, fund and run a Summer School for the new Year 7s from 16-21 August. The offering is for 180 students, but it is unlikely to be totally

full; in the case of spare capacity, places will then be offered on a first come first served basis to our current Year 7s going up to Year 8 (as they have had a very strange first year in secondary education!).

Possibility of asking some year 13s to help, MA to investigate this.

5. **Catering** – this has been very limited this year, owing to Yr group bubbles and school site zoning. An originally planned tender process is now delayed until the Autumn Term, with a new caterer set to be in place from January 2022. PVT to be involved in tender process – CG to arrange.
6. **2022-23 Admissions** - we are oversubscribed again: 48 students didn't get a place with 17 appeals.
7. **Conor Burns MP** – fantastic visit this week, very proud of Yr 9 who were ambitious & articulate.

Other News & Updates

1. **Lockers** – successful £13K application for funding from BCP resulting in approx. 171 lockers. Will try to fund an extra ten lockers to complete a full year group – CG to research.
2. **CJI Uniform Suppliers** – moving premises on 1 July 2021, still Wimborne Rd, Winton.
3. **Dates to remember** – 6 July Aspire Day, 7 June/9 July INSET days
4. **Osiligi Update** – 6040 mile virtual journey to Kenya nearing completion thanks for all support.

The Bourne Foundation & Annual Fund Letters

The Bourne Foundation continues with applications for funding and has had some recent successes from two charities for a total of £15K towards Safeguarding and First Aid. The Annual Fund letters, sent during a tricky pandemic year, yielded a fantastic £850 in parental donations towards Academy equipment.

Pastoral Update

Two new concepts introduced:

1. **First Impressions Card** – a new proposed system of 'disciplining by gradual strikes method' under categories such as uniform, homework, behaviour. To be kept in the planner book - students would receive a sanction upon reaching five staff strikes in any one category. Parent feedback: on the whole positive, some concern that a good student with bad memory or learning difficulties would worry endlessly about failing this method. Pastoral team reassured parents that all this would be looked into/systems in place to ensure no one is disadvantaged by the new process.
2. **Increased Community Expectations** – TBA working towards increased parental engagement. Part of this would involve a possible change to the PTC evening system (a pilot) whereby: 1st PTC night is tutor-lead – giving grades, ATL score and discussing wellbeing, aims, personal development of student and 2nd PTC night with all teachers as normal. Following much research and consultation, we need to build up the tutor relationship to enhance the students' journey through TBA and beyond. Parents mostly positive but expressed concern that they wouldn't hear enough about academic progress at the first meeting, again, pastoral team reassured parents on this point.

Pastoral Team to implement concepts after further consultation internally.

PVT Fundraising Ideas:

CG invited any fundraising ideas or income solutions but reiterated that no events can take place as yet.

AOB

WP raised question about **Yr 12 BTEC exams in 2022** – MA replied that Ofqual/Exam boards are still in discussion on next year's dates; current reports show 2022 exams are set to be normal. Students are permitted to retake any unit assessments and that WP could email course details to MA to look at.

Mufti Days – HW asked if can parents pay for all three at once online via Scopay? Rather than bring cash in. CG to investigate.

Dates of next meetings – 5.00 – 6.00pm

Thursday 24 June – virtual or physical - tbc

Wednesday 15 September – 5-6pm

Wednesday 10 November – 5-6pm

Meeting closed at 6.25pm