



## Parent Voice Team Meeting - The Bourne Academy

Thursday 24 June – 5.00-6.10pm

Actions – in yellow

### Attendance

**Present:** Mark Avoth, Kelly Franklin, Kirsty Twigg, Caroline Gobell, CM, LC, LPJ, KS, WP, BW, GS.

**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, £130 down to £30. **Contact CG if you wish to purchase.**
2. **BTEC** query followed up
3. **Dr Bike Event** – funded - £100 for bike parts – CG read outcomes & thanks from Mrs Harpen-Gist
4. Can parents **pay via Scopay** for **Mufti events** – **CG to find out for next mtg**
5. **Summer School** – sadly 6<sup>th</sup> formers can't help, application process too complicated and involved.
6. **Lockers** – CG asking The Bourne Foundation to help fund the last ten lockers.
7. **First Impressions card** – pilot going ahead

### Pastoral Update

1. **First Impressions Card – Successful Yr 9 Pilot** – students adapted well and gave positive feedback. Very few students reaching five strikes, Line ups/equipment checks – all much smoother. Yr 9 has risen to the challenge and we have been proud to recognise and reward positive behaviour. Long term, the FI Card will be paper and stapled into the students' planner. We have only had two queries from parents, and communication channels remain open to parents at all times. As a reward and thank you to Yr 9, we have planned a Thorpe Park Trip in September. Now working on whole school roll-out from September – currently in consultation with staff/students and parents, answering questions etc.
  - GS mentioned there had been an issue for her son (SEN), but that it was resolved brilliantly and quickly with lots of support.
  - BW asked if the scheme was too negatively focussed, KF responded that actually it is a really positive initiative and has been received as such.
2. **Rewards**
  - WP asked what reward there was for her daughter with so many positive points and others like her? **KF to investigate this and report back.**
  - MA added that rewarding students has been difficult and sorely missed during the Covid pandemic (no trips, food etc), but should resume fully from September.
  - KS commented that there was an inconsistency between the amount of points being awarded, from one teacher to another, and she requested we did an internal audit of how teachers are awarding points consistently. **KF replied that this is under review and will report back.**
  - MA talked about 1000 Club (1000 points) – 50 students in year 10 have it and even more in Yr 7. There is going to be a new App for ASPIRE points, which will be very positive.

### Principal's Briefing

1. **Thank you** - Thanks for ongoing support – parents, students, staff have all been fantastic during the last year – tutor groups and lessons all exemplary. We are delighted with our pandemic attendance figures of 91%, better than the national figure of 84%.
2. **Transition** - Now concentrating on ensuring our 183 new Year 7s get as good a Transition as possible – they have been joining in our new Steps to Aspire activity programme from home and will be attending summer school in August.
3. **Summer School** – we have been working hand in hand with the company who is running the Summer School – it will be well run and staffed. Despite the year they've had, we had 30 staff volunteer to work that week – we'll be appointing ten of them. MA will be delivering the Assembly on the Thursday. The programme looks brilliant and we already have 143 Yr 7s signed up (they have until end June with the company chasing sign ups). Any spare capacity will go to next year's Yr 8s, first come first served – we imagine approx. 40 places to be opened up.
4. **September Start Dates** – planning to be fully onsite - we will be running an extended Transition start for the new Yr 7s and Yr 8s (who missed out on so much last September too). See website/term dates for start days – likely:
  - 2/3 Sept – INSET days
  - 6 Sept – testing
  - 7 Sept – yr 7s + testing
  - 8 Sept – yr 7/8 + testing
  - 9 Sept – Yr 7/8/12 + testing
  - 10 Sept – Whole school + testing
5. **PA & Visual Arts** – been amazing throughout pandemic. There will be some national news surrounding this and all BTEC subjects from 7 July – watch social media. Massive thanks for all your support in these areas.

### Other news

1. **Gold DofE** – leaving for Scotland tomorrow – ends at Buckingham Palace, so a great opportunity. Hats off to PE dept. DofE numbers have increased over pandemic, when getting out there was hardest – brilliant!
2. **Canford Partnership** – due to expand our joint activities with more opportunities for linking both schools.
3. **Police Cadets** – New Police Commissioner visiting the school on 8 July. GS asked if currently running? MA to email if places are available. Head Cadet just been chosen and is a TBA student.
4. **170 Pink Lockers arrived** – funding by BCP - £13,000.
5. **Osiligi Virtual Journey** – finished in May and was a huge success in uniting the community. Prizes awarded.
6. **Sports Day 5 July and ASPIRE Day 6 July**, with a drone photo being taken of all students.

### Financial Update

Current bank balance £1600 (with £100 having been deducted for the Dr Bike Event)

### PVT Fundraising Ideas:

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

LPJ had a raffle idea and will email CG directly.

### AOB

1. **PTC Format** - is like speed dating – will we go back to face to face? (esp when discussing SEN/not enough time). MA replied that we're encouraging parents to email questions to teachers/staff if urgent after the PTC meetings, and that the system is working well for many, including those who haven't stepped foot in school for over five years! So there are positives. Unlikely to go totally back to before, but possibly some blended version. Staff email addresses are listed on website.
2. **Lockers** – which year group are having them? Likely Yr 7 who have so many bags and who are tiny.
3. **Proms** – both on same night – how do teachers decide which one to attend/which children to support? Teachers are going to split fairly and some may support both in the one evening, owing to close proximity. Parents thanked TBA for continuing with Prom when many other schools cancelled.
4. **School Photos** – are they for every year group? CG explained they are only for new starters (yrs 7 and 12) and for Yr 10 who have changed so much!
5. **2020 Alumni** – please can we arrange an event for Alumni of 2020 who left during Covid lockdown?  
**CG to look into this.**

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

Wednesday 15 September – 5-6pm

Wednesday 10 November – 5-6pm

**Meeting closed at 6.10pm**