

**Parent Voice Team Meeting - The Bourne Academy**

**Wednesday 14 May 2025 – 5.30 – 7.00pm**

Actions – in yellow

**Attendance**

**Present:** Sarah Howlett, Katherine Spicer, Louise Minor, Wendy Punal, Sarah Early, Lisa Philogene-Jones, Cristina Marques, Alison Morris, Serena Durrant, Michelle Owens, Caroline Gobell, Kirsty Twigg, Mark Avoth.

**Apologies:** None

**Welcome**: to everyone and to KT from the pastoral team, and thank you for all agreeing the meeting date swap from 30 April.

**Update on Previous Actions (January 2025)**

1. **Aspire boards** updated in Reception
2. **Prom Shop – CG to write letter home re Yr 11 spare uniform and prom donations for 2026**
3. **Positive Points –** comments fed back to SLT and actioned for more consistency
4. **Big Sleepover** – cold but a huge success! Many cardboard houses – great money raised for Shelter.
5. **First Aid** – post re-advertised and hope for seamless handover. **CG to ensure that IHCPs are reviewed during summer term ready for Sept 2025. KS reported she normally hears about now, but hasn’t yet. CG action.**
6. **Website** – **CG to ensure website doesn’t keep asking about cookies, every time. CG to ensure Transition page is fewer clicks to find – move location. Amend Yr 7 contact – no longer Dan Edwards. Pref a generic email address that is checked annually by relevant Yr 7 HoY.**

**Pastoral Update**

* **Barcelona Trip** – Yr 9s from 17 June – all very excited and will create a v positive impact
* **Easter Discos** – highly successful, Thank you everyone who helped and supported with the event/refreshments etc. DJ Cornish a hit! Definite improvement on attendance. Thank you parents.
* **Boys Impact Group** – Yr 9 Pilot project ongoing - 11 boys, small group intervention, encouraging greater learning, correct masculinity and self-confidence for those not fulfilling potential. Impact so far is massive. Numerous life changing activities: Alex Blower interventions and assembly, male staff mentors, MP Jessica Toale visited the group and was very impressed with the group and took points back to Westminster debate, Mike Nicholson staff session and boys’ workshops in June, Bournemouth Uni Workshops ‘Being a Boy’. Also striving to get adults, staff and girls behind the thinking, rationale and action.

**Principal’s Briefing & Discussion**

* **Ofsted 2025** – A massive thanks to parents for support, amazing feedback in the report. Final report was fair and hugely positive – it read like an upper graded inspection resulting in many local heads/senior staff coming to TBA to visit and learn processes. Participating students were given a thank you breakfast – it was a lovely experience from all sides.
* **Sept 2025 Admissions –** we are full, despite the current birth dip lasting 3-4 years. Approx 20 appeals, excluding EHCP appeals which are under a separate category.
* **Uniform –** going towards only 3 branded items from Sept 2026 – next year’s student planner will put the pink blouse as optional. Parent query re shorts for boys (and girls)? **MA to bring samples at next Autumn Meeting.**
* **Term dates for 2025/26 –** discussed small change (longer Oct ½ term and usual earlier finish in July 26) - Kingsleigh unable to come into line, so our schools will differ this Oct half term.
* **Charities** - 'Changes are Made' (CAM) Charity is close to TBA; Toby, Cameron Hamilton's brother, is a TBA former student. The school is raising awareness during assembly – Fri 23rd May - Mufti.

**Other news and updates**

* **School Street** - we feel it's not working. Despite procedures have been put in place there is no one to enforce them; e.g. pips, where even blue badges can't park, isn't being monitored. Also, the number of blue badge holders has significantly increased! TBA is advocating for residents and student safety, urging the Council to consider funding for electric gates. A positive note: students report feeling safer walking down the school lane. **MA to feedback to School Street.**

**Finance update**

* **Current bank balance £3,036 -** no requests but plenty of ideas - to be discussed at the next meeting. **CG put ideas on agenda next time.**

**Events/Fundraising**

* **Years 7 & 8 April Discos -** notable success, receiving positive feedback. School attendance numbers have significantly improved. Also, the fire drill went well, with students demonstrating appropriate responses. However, a considerable number of students were using their phones and taking photos; KT to discuss this with the Pastoral Team.
* **Spring Bingo** - another successful event with good feedback, particularly regarding the quality of the food provided. Several participates expressed enthusiasm about returning for the next event. Raised approx. £1.5K – massive thanks to Lisa PJ, and the team and to John M for calling!
* **Transition Evening -26th June (5pm**) -**Action: helpers: LPJ & LM**
* **Open Evening - 24 Sept** **– Action:** **KS, LPJ & LM**
* **Any other** - SE mentioned that Ice Cream Bournemouth goes to local schools and split earnings. **CG to potentially contact??** Note: Kingsleigh Primary school is already selling ice creams!

**AOB**

* **Aspire Award** - we are trialing a system designed to track students' participation in various activities, providing evidence of participation and achievement. The next step involves sitting down with students to support them in documenting their accomplishments effectively.
* **GCSEs Exams -** positive feedback from students so far.
* **Options Evening** - received excellent feedback, noted as a brilliant event with very informative content provided to attendees
* **Query raised concerning Halal Burgers:** LPJ expressed reservations regarding Halal meat, highlighting disagreements with the slaughtering process and noting the lack of options for students who would prefer a choice. **MA to follow up on this matter.**
* **SEND team praise (AS and JC) for EHCP handling –** MA praised staff

**Next meeting dates:**

* October 2025
* January 2026
* April 2026
* MA looking to shift meeting dates around to consider for example parents’ evenings. They will still be on a Wednesday! **Dates TBC – CG arrange and email July or September.**

**Mark Avoth Reminder: to speak with Suzy Hayward.**