

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

**Wednesday 15 January 2025 – 5.30 – 7.00pm**

Actions – in yellow

**Attendance**

**Present:** Amy Pepin, Sarah Howlett, Katherine Spicer, Louise Minor, Wendy Punal, Sarah Early, Lisa Philogene-Jones, Cristina Marques, Alison Morris, Serena Durrant, Michelle Owens, Caroline Gobell, Martha Tavinor, Jonathan Perkins,

**Apologies:** Mark Avoth, Lisa Wansbrough,

**Welcome**: to everyone and to MT from the pastoral team and JPe for coming to present on ASPIRE.

**Update on Previous Actions (November 2024)**

1. **Halal Burgers** – all burgers are prepared this way, there is no additional cost.
2. **Yr 7 football** – lunchtime rota sent out

**ASPIRE/Character & Culture**

* JPe gave a revised powerpoint on ASPIRE Awards – Bronze, Silver & Gold (Student Council has also given feedback).
* **Revised boards will be going up imminently in Reception area –** **JPe to action**
* Tutors are key in encouraging students to take part – parents commented it was good that points are awarded for **applying** for roles, not only for **getting** roles.
* Potential Everest Climbing challenge coming soon – house competition – trying to ensure that ASPIRE points can be earned by all character types – including those more physical than confident.

**Pastoral Update**

* **Boys Impact Group** – a boys intervention, encouraging greater learning for those not fulfilling potential. Last week, MP Jessica Toale visited the group and was very impressed with the group – she took their feedback up to a Westminster debate this week.
* **Prom Shop** – v positive evening, £20 to borrow a dress/suit, **ALL - please spread the word to those in need or to anyone who might be willing to donate items.**
* **Thrive/Shift Dance** – more interventions/initiatives taking place this term
* **Ski Trip** – going at Easter – currently busy with dry ski slope sessions
* **Xmas Discos for Yrs 7&8** – A brilliant evening in December – massive thanks to all who helped from PVT selling drinks/sweets. Any teething problems will be sorted out ahead of the next one. Parent comments: can the Yr 7/8 discos be combined to boost numbers? **Can there be better/earlier comms about who can attend (cut off Friday before?) so that friends groups/outfits can be sorted (less pressure on parents on the day!!).** **MT to feed back to pastoral team.**
* **Positive Points** – students buzzing this term and staff being a little more consistent – however parent feedback is that there could definitely be **more consistency amongst staff members/teams. CG/JPe to feedback to SLT.** Discussed 1000/2000 points award – these should be reset each September, let us know if not. Remember the prom price should reduce for positive points goals.
* **The Big Sleepover –** **date tbc – more info to follow – MT/pastoral to feedback.**

**Principal’s Briefing & Discussion**

* **Sept 2025 Admissions -** 568 applications for 180 places. 300 of these are 1st or 2nd preference. This is a remarkable achievement but not unexpected considering the improvements we have made around routines and behaviour which allows teaching & learning to be most effective. Relationships are still at the heart of what we do and our culture, vision and values and ASPIRE competencies are based on this.
* **Christmas Cabaret -** brilliant event – hoping to bid for Lead Music school in BCP – Keep you posted. Just started music in assemblies which is great, and once again invited to perform with Andrew Lloyd Webber at the Barbican in April for the annual MiSST concert.
* **House Charities** - Thank you to all Kingswear students kicked off our House charity events for the Kinson and West Howe foodbank.
* **Kingsleigh Primary School** – we are working even more closely with Kingsleigh around a number of projects that benefit our community, including supporting our most vulnerable families. One example is:
  + **School Street (SS)** on the corner of Hadow Road and Bennion Road.

Much safer for students but still some areas that we are looking into regarding blue badges. Blue badge development ongoing as is our quest to get @pips@ on double yellow lines. **Parent feedback on SS – still parking on Bennion Rd, including on bends. Now parking on Kinson Rd where they never used to park. CG to feedback to CT**

* **Term dates for 2025/26 –** discussed small change (longer Oct ½ term and usual earlier finish in July 26) - Kingsleigh trying to come into line with same dates
* **Ofsted** - There is a possibility that we will have Ofsted imminently. Therefore, this group is a powerful sounding board and hopefully a positive group, if it happens can we ask for your support and those of your friends.

**Other news & Updates**

* **First Aid –** RCI leaving TBA after five brilliant years and we wish her all the best. Recruitment underway, although we may be short staffed at times during the staff changeover phase/and therefore stricter with non urgent first aid.
* **Studying medicine –** Southampton Uni lower grade entry level (3x B Grades) to study medicine if from a disadvantaged or vulnerable family. Spread the word to any wannabe medics.
* **Homewards –** Mark Avoth continues to work on the Royal Foundation’s Homewards panel, eradicating homessless from BCP – TBA is the only secondary school on the panels and proud to be involved.

**Financial Update**

Current bank balance - £2,430.

**Fundraising Requests**

none

**PVT Events/Fundraising Updates:**

* **Last term profits:** KPS summer fayre, Scouts bonfire ticket commission, Xmas Fayre, and Xmas discos – total profits were £676.85 – a massive thanks to Lisa for leading on these events and to all PVT members who baked/created and helped – fantastic efforts and achievements.
* **Spring Bingo –** all set for repeating the event for a 3rd Yr running – **Friday 14 March 2025.**

Flyers created, marketing/ticket link sent out, Chips Ahoy confirmed, alcohol license sorted, LPJ going to Cosco/shops (**CG provide ID verification),** Caller booked (John M),Community Lettings cancelled, called for unwanted gifts/chocolate and will call again. LPJ sourcing raffle/bingo books.

LPJ to arrange a prize wrapping evening in Feb/March.

**Helpers needed on the night x 10 – for door, bingo sales, bar sales, raffle sales. All to email LPJ and CG if you can help on the night (you can still play!). So far Louise M, Sarah E, Alison M, Lisa PJ and Caroline G have confirmed. Need five more.**

**AOB:**

* **Email Query** – no response from a HoY on email – explained the staff member is poorly and recommended all parents to always cc another head of house into the email – or preferably Mrs Twigg.
* **Prom tickets – when can parents pay? MT to ask pastoral and advise**
* **Do new year 7s** get the same house as older siblings? Yes, where possible.
* **Can there be more explicit communications around bringing PE kit in for an assessment? JPe to liaise with sports team/exams office on this.**
* **Yr 8 options evening** – very well and clearly communicated, well done all involved.
* **The Link –** my child has been and thinks it’s amazing in there. Are we being given more info about it? It is just another space that we use, like another classroom – could be for support, could be for scholars.
* **Wifi -written assessments and deadline in dance but no wifi working, often! CG to mention to IT/site team.**
* **Toilet Condition – opposite Reflection, students reporting these toilets are in bad order – CG to mention to site.**
* **SEND response time – report that SEND office is slow to respond to emails/calls, or not at all. CG to pass on to SEND team. (but the staff are always lovely to deal with).**
* **Staff emails** – how to find a member of staff by email? Advice: to use student search area on their email system
* **Week A or B - Yr 7 facebook feedback** – common problem - not clear whether it is Week A or B on return after each holiday. Please could a message go out before the start of each ½ term. CG to pass on message.
* **Careers newsletter** – congratulations, this is fantastic and I forward it to my friends for children in other schools.
* **Calculator prices**? There are different prices showing on the system – AM to email finance to ask them to check/CG to also mention.

Thanks everyone for your contributions – see you at the Bingo.

**Date of next meeting**

* Wednesday 30 April 2025
* September/October 2025 - TBC