

Parents' Voice notes from Term 1 meeting – 5th October 2016

24 parents attended. The meeting was facilitated by Ruth Cochrane (Community Development Coordinator). Other staff attending were Sue Ramsay (Head teacher) Khalif Noor (Somali Achievement Manager) Ali Hassan (Parent Governor). We also had a presentation from Alison Eynon (Oasis Academy trust).

Item	Response / Action
Welcome and introductions	We welcomed people to the meeting and talked through the agenda for the morning. It was especially nice to welcome parents new to Hannah More.
Presentation from Alison Eynon	<p>Alison gave a presentation about the trust's plans to build a brand new secondary school in the area - 'Oasis Academy Temple Quarter'. The trust are confident that they will be chosen to open the new city centre school in 2018, though final confirmation has not yet been given. Their preferred site is adjacent to the Ibis hotel / Burges Salmon's offices.</p> <p>Oasis have 47 schools in the UK. Alison explained their track record of transforming schools and their commitment to developing excellence. She explained that she was keen to hear community views about what people want to see in a new secondary school. She also gave information about plans to involve local companies and businesses in the school. Alison explained that the school will aim to be a community hub as well, with many facilities open to the wider community.</p> <p>Alison is very keen to hear views from Hannah More parents. She can be contacted by email: Alison.Eynon@oasisbrightstowe.org</p> <p>We thanked Alison for coming to the meeting. We will invite her back to give an update later in the school year.</p>
Update from Sue Ramsay, Headteacher	<p>Ms Ramsay explained that the National curriculum had changed and that last May's SATs tests for Year 2 and Year 6 were the first time that children had been tested based on this new curriculum. She explained that we were proud of Hannah More results, which were above the national average. She also explained that progress at Hannah More is very good indeed compared to the national average. Ms Ramsay explained that the school looks carefully at data and uses it to inform priorities and plans. This year the school's priorities are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To improve boys' reading. At the moment, girls at Hannah More do better than boys in reading. School leaders are planning strategically, to ensure that boys do just as well. - To develop children's language, improving accuracy (for example making sure children use the right tense when speaking and when writing) and extending vocabulary. - To make sure that our good teaching is also inspiring, so that children are always excited about all aspects of their learning.
Parent governors	Sue Ramsay and Ali Hassan explained that there is a vacancy for a parent governor. Please speak to existing governors or to Ms Ramsay to find out more, and look out for a letter coming home this month about the vacancy. The governors are keen to get to know our community more and will be attending lots of events over the coming months!
Open morning and other opportunities for parents	On 12 th October there is an open morning at school – an opportunity to see teaching and learning in action at Hannah More. Booking letters will go home on 5 th October. Ruth also mentioned other parent activities this term: netball, drama, family learning and conversation group. Check the website or the newsletter for more information. Everyone is welcome!

Next term's meeting date will be advertised in the newsletter and text reminders will be sent.