



27th January 2012

Holy Trinity International Prep News

Free School update

Steering Group Update

The first meeting was held on Thursday evening.

Parents were represented by Mrs Elcock, Mr Reeve, Mrs Marlow, Mr Murphy and Mr Rhodes.

The main points arising from the meeting were:

- ◆ Dr Tate and Mr McEwen visited Batley Grammar on Tuesday, a school who became a free school in September. The application was well supported by existing families, (99% remained with the school) and attracted a significant number of external families. Standards of behaviour and general presentation of uniform has remained excellent, with new families assimilating well with existing. Further details can be viewed by accessing the Batley Grammar School website.
- ◆ In order to identify, 'evidence of demand' Holy Trinity has now advertised its potential Free School status, to evoke a response from the wider community.
- ◆ Since the meeting with parents and subsequent adverts, the school has ben inundated with phone calls, tours and taster days. A significant number of inquiries are coming from recommendations from existing parents.
- ◆ Parent representatives on the committee, in conjunction with the school, will ensure information of progress is communicated to all families.
- ◆ The application form is long and is taking time to produce a coherent application and we are currently outlining our education, and financial plans.
- ◆ The existing facilities have been reviewed and better room utilisation could allow expansion. Two form entry is likely in Senior school, though this is likely to be a gradual process starting with Year 7 in September 2013.
- ◆ 6th - Form — pupils will pay 25% of the fees in the first year (Sept 2012) and no fee in the second irrespective of the success of the application.
- ◆ Meetings have been arranged with Mark Garnier (MP) and representatives of the local authority to discuss the application.
- ◆ Per capita funding issues are being resolved. The amount varies considerably in the area and is calculated by a complicated formula.
- ◆ Admission policy is in the process of being drafted.

QUESTIONNAIRES

We would be very grateful if parents, who have not yet submitted their form, could complete the 'Evidence of Demand Questionnaire' as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation.