

Parent Forum - 6 June 2018

STEM Group Minutes

KWL shared success of Impact Day and referred parents to the updates and news of the day on the website. The impact Day did raise an issue that often 'resources' for such events are right under our noses. An ongoing task for the Parent Group is to consider what expertise we have within our Community and how we might keep a 'register' of such expertise?

KWL passed on news from Samantha Ansell at Big Bang SW and how she would like to discuss the idea of a Big Bang at Ivybridge Community College further with us. It was suggested that we should try to arrange for Sam to come in and talk to us as a group at the next meeting? Discussions were then as follows:

- How will the students be involved during the day? Groups going to look at the stands with their teacher and out of lessons? How many can we do this for at one time? Can the timetable for the day be collapsed in this way?
- Would it be possible for it to run during and after the College day to allow parents the benefit of the event?
- The event should be used to flag up Work Experience ideas to Year 9 and as an early marker for them to start making plans and arranging their experiences.

We then had a short discussion about Work Experience and the following points were raised:

- Parents need more time to arrange and work with children on Work Experience.
- The split model being used this year is a good idea, probably two days' Work Experience and then three days Enrichment is a satisfactory model for many.
- The fuller year 12 experience was seen as a good idea and with the essence of it being more bespoke and specific to future aspirations.

On the subject of 'capturing information of local expertise' it was suggested that a section could be added to the data sheets to gather this information? This would clearly need to be looked into and may be one way of doing it, but obviously other methods of capture might be possible and should also be considered first.

KWL finished off by suggesting that collaborative work is always more successful if there is one common goal and put forward the motion that for now we should pursue the idea of The Ivybridge Community College Big Bang.