

# GLASGOW PARENT COUNCIL FORUM



PROMOTING PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT IN GLASGOW SCHOOLS

Newsletter

Autumn 2014

Welcome to our Autumn edition of GPCF newsletter.

This term we have been busy working on a number of areas which have been included in this newsletter.

S1-S3 parents have been attending a “**Beyond the Broad General Education**” conference, organised by Glasgow City Council with Scottish Government funding issued to Local Authorities to promote parent based activities, to enhance our understanding of the new qualifications. GCC decided, in consultation with GPCF, to hold a city wide secondary school event with additional learning materials to follow for schools and parent councils.

This year's National Parent Forum of Scotland conference saw a large turnout of Glasgow parents to hear Sir Ian Wood's keynote speech. Sir Ian delivered his understanding of what the report “**Developing Scotland's Young workforce**” is proposing and he gave his own thoughts to why it is important for young people of all abilities to look at which career path is best for them. Sir Ian reinforced how important parents are moving forward with the recommendations of the commission.

The Scottish Government have announced the **budget** for the next two years in Scotland. As parents, we know that funding will be tighter than ever this year and the GPCF will arrange a special meeting in January 2015 to hear what the GCC education budget may be. Details to follow...

## ***New Look Meetings.***

Glasgow Parent Council Forum has been asking parents their thoughts regarding moving out of the City Chambers and rotating its meetings across the city.

We are pleased to announce that our next meeting on **Monday 10th November** will be in the South area at *Lourdes Secondary School*. We also plan to have a more interactive meeting with discussion among parents to gauge their thoughts.

The plan is to then move to the North of the city for our March meeting and our May meeting will be in the North East. Further details will be issued to all Parent Councils.

The meetings are open to all parents and carers who are member of school parent council, everyone welcome.

Contact GPCF for more details, follow us on twitter @gpcfcommittee.



*“Glasgow Parent Council Forum meeting” will be held at :*

***Lourdes Secondary***

*47 Kirriemuir Ave, Cardonald, G52 3DF*

***Monday 10th November 2014***

*at 7pm. All parents welcome.*

Skills  
Development  
Scotland

My World of Work

Skills development Scotland have introduced a new website for parents looking for support in getting careers advice for your child.

From school subject choices and university courses to looking for a job and Modern Apprenticeships, we have advice articles, tools and videos to help both you and your child. There's also advice for you if you're studying or working.

Sections on website include:

Subject choices, Exam time, Additional support needs, Key dates, studying or in work.

Visit SDS website for more details.

<http://www.myworldofwork.co.uk/>

## Are your Parent Council details up to date ?

GPCF issues a number of emails monthly to parent councils. With a dedicated PC address your parent council can receive these directly from us and we can also forward emails on from other associated organisations. We have over fifty schools using these generic emails and we need your help to ensure they are kept up to date. Let us know if your details change. If your school doesn't have a generic email address why don't you set one up? We are happy to help with this if required.

Twitter and Facebook is increasing across the city as a fast way of getting short messages and information out to parents. Under the Scottish Government school handbook legislation your Parent Council generic email and Twitter details should be on the contact page for parents to contact you.

We plan to also include them on our website for new parents wishing to contact the PC directly.

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## School Meals consultation

GCC has issued a consultation regarding school meals. Headed "Food Policy for Glasgow's schools" the consultation will look at improving the health of our young people at school.

Please ensure that your Parent Council have discussed this draft proposal during your parent council meetings as it is vital that parents' views are heard. There is a survey to which Parent Councils and parents can respond with their views. All schools, parent councils and Cordia catering managers are being consulted on this draft policy. Your views will shape the final policy direction which will go to the City Council executive committee for agreement.

This consultation will be discussed at the GPCF meeting in November, prior to our own submission, to ensure we are representing the views of a wide range of parents.

The Scottish Government has committed to the introduction of free school meals to all P1-P3 children starting January 2015. Parent Councils may have been involved in discussions with their Head Teacher and Cordia regarding the changes which will be made to accommodate the increased demand on places at lunch time.

If you have not discussed this at your parent council meeting or wish more information you Head Teacher will be happy to advise you on the changes.