

Annex C: Consultation meeting with parents, Tuesday 7th July 2015, 8pm

Menorah High School for Girls

Dr Landau, chair of governors, explained the background to the school and why the school has decided to apply for voluntary aided status. The financial support would enable the school to improve its education offering, plus the school would benefit from being able to work with other schools in the local authority.

Menorah High will work towards forming a soft federation with Menorah Grammar School for boys and we are working towards admitting 60 pupils in every Year 7 class. Dr Landau added that if we are able to create room, we will take 60 pupils.

Jason Marantz, an education consultant supporting the school through the process gave an overview of the process and why there was the necessity to consult as part of the process.

Questions posed:

1) Fees – What are the fees currently and what will the voluntary contributions be? The independent school fees are currently £1750 per term. The voluntary contributions will be lower than this and will hopefully decrease further overtime. Exact details are still being worked out and will be communicated as soon as possible.

2) Admissions – The school will adopt a new admissions policy in line with the Schools Admissions Code and will then ask ethos based questions on a supplementary information form.

3) Curriculum – The school timetable will not need to change. The only area of the curriculum we will need to reintroduce is music. Otherwise, the curriculum is compliant. Some parents asked what the reintroduced music provision would entail and this was answered. We are also compliant with the British Values agenda and this was shared with parents.

The meeting closed at 9:00pm and the school encouraged parents to respond to the survey and share their views.