

SCHOOLS' FORUM
19.1.10

Dear Colleagues,

At the last meeting of the Schools' Forum on Tuesday December 8th 2009, I raised the possibility of using some money that this group holds for the purpose of employing a person or company that might be able to assist Bryntysilio Outdoor Education Centre, in compiling a Business Plan, that would help the Centre look at developing its facilities and possible options for the future.

Ben Percival, from Sports and Leisure, is currently in discussion with Anthea Cooper, the Warden, on such things as corporate weekends, and how such events could be integrated into Bryntysilio in the future.

Primary Headteachers feel that we now have a real opportunity to have somebody produce a long term plan for the Centre, that will develop and extend what is already an excellent facility, for the future of Walsall pupils.

I would hope that members of Schools' Forum agree with this suggestion, as the overwhelming impression that I got from speaking at one of the Strategy Meetings, that was chaired by Councillor Walker on November 2nd 2009, was that members wanted to keep the facility in Walsall, but that the way it was used in the future would need to be reviewed.

I would suggest that bringing somebody in from outside, would go some way towards solving this issue.

Anthea Cooper has given me two contact names that she has found, and I hope to be able to share with colleagues more exact costings at our meeting on January 19th 2010.

Yours sincerely,

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