FINAL
Minutes of the Curriculum and Standards Committee

Wednesday 6th March 2024 at 6.00pm

Present: Mrs Alison-Warby (Chair), Mr C. Milnes, Mr M. McKeown, Mrs E. Jubbs, Mrs A. Edlin, Mrs L. Holmes, Mr. N. Potter

Guests: Claire Owens SLT, Brian Middleton SLT

Apologies: Mr. D. Gibbons, Mr. C. Davison

26	**Welcome and Apologies:** HAW welcomed the committee in the absence of CD.	
27	**Declaration of interest in any items of discussion**: None	
28	**Confirmation of Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** 17th January 2024 Governors agreed the Minutes were a true reflection of the meeting.	
29	**Matters/Action Points arising from minutes of previous meeting**: None	
30	**Lesson Observations/Professional development overview** (Claire Owens) CO provided a termly update to Governors. There have been 201 lesson visits internally plus 30 external lesson visits including some Dutch visitors and visits from members of the SSAT (Schools Students & Teachers Network). CO advised that during the lesson visits clear strategies are coming through as consistent across all areas. 127 lessons showed independent working and 35 lessons showed group working. • Whole class instruction is shown to be our number one strategy, seen in the majority of lessons • Whole class Q&A seen in 65% of lessons • Cold calling seen in 113 lessons (50%) • Visual instructions to support seen in 50% of lessons • Twelve different strategies seen in over 30% of lessons CO advised that in a recent published study, explicit instruction was shown to be the best practice for teaching and learning and this was evidenced in the class instructions. The next step is talking about "what is our teaching style" and the implementation of the narrative what a typical lesson looks like. Immediate feedback is also strong, over 100 out of the 201 lessons gave explicit detailed feedback. 44 visualisers have gone out to staff across the school to help enable 'live modelling' which is an emerging strength. Mini whiteboards will also be the next topic of discussion. In terms of quality assurance we are making progress, departments are on track and we are hoping to reach 235 lesson observations by the end of this term which will provide us with a good bank of evidence. **CM asked what impact it is having and how can we measure it?** CO confirmed it provides more assurance of our narrative and the impact on students is that they are more conscious of the practice. We receive feedback from Student Voice. With a knowledge of the range of strategies, teachers have the capacity and capability to adapt their teaching. **HAW thanked CO for the update. CO left the meeting at 6.45pm.**	

31	**2024/2025 Curriculum overview** (Brian Middleton) BM discussed the Curriculum Model document which had been circulated ahead of the meeting and confirmed that the Curriculum Model was virtually unchanged from last year with the Option subjects remaining the same. **HAW noted that PE has been increased across every year group to 2 lessons a week.** BM confirmed the only tweak is Year 9 who will only have one lesson of PE per week with the extra PE lesson being given to RS. **AE questioned why RS was so prominent?** BM advised it is a statutory duty to provide RS lessons and it helps raise Progress 8 scores. **There were no questions on the Curriculum Model and Governors agreed the Curriculum was broad and balanced and were happy with the proposed staffing arrangements.** The Time Aid summary was discussed. BM confirmed that the timetable works efficiently, with some staff juggling. There is a projected student teacher ratio of 1.17. Lessons have not changed. All students can follow the Ebacc route if required, however we may see a small drop in the point score. French and Spanish are running for Year 12 but this may change – there is 2.4% flexibility in the timetable. **CM asked whether intervention lessons for English Maths and Science were written into the Timetble?** BM confirmed they are, with Heads of Subject choosing which students take part. Discussion followed on which subjects are likely to run; Humanities is unchanged, Art, Fashion and Textiles will run in Fine Art. The number of options within DT will be reducing with the Engineering course being removed. This will be reintroduced once the department staff/sickness issues have been sorted out. Staffing for the majority of lessons remains unchanged. There is an appointment closing next week for RS. Law has been removed with Government and Politics looking to be introduced. **AE asked whether Economics at A level could become an option?** BM advised this would be investigated for the future. **LH asked whether students would leave and go to UTC due to the lack of Engineering?** MM advised this was a possibility as it is hard for us to compete with the facilities they have on offer. **CM asked whether the range of options we have in Sixth Form attract external candidates?** MM confirmed that yes, we have a number of external candidates applying. **Governors agreed for the Curriculum Model to go to the next Finance Committee meeting for affordability.** **HAW thanked BM for the update. BM left the meeting at 7.30pm.**	
32	**Head's Items:** **Attendance and Behaviour** (Kirstie Capes) An Attendance and Behaviour update was provided by Kirstie Capes. Overall attendance figures are up quite significantly from last year at 91%. Nationally figures are at 91.2% so we are making good progress and will look at strategies again and refresh. It is pleasing to see that Year 11 figures are up over 90%, however Years 9 and 10 still remain a concern. **CM asked whether we are reaching our mock examinations projections?** MM confirmed that we are. The Behaviour summary report was discussed which detailed the number of exclusions/suspensions and managed moves. Work is being done to look at improvements to the work ethos in Reset and Remove. Turnaround already has a positive work ethos. **The priority for EG in Term 4 is punctuality to lessons.**	
33	**Chair's Item: -** none	
34	**Policies:** none	

35	**Any Other Business:** CM requested that LCHS at 50 be put on the next FGB meeting Agenda. Events will be taking place on 13th 14th and 15th September 2024.	
36	**Date of next meeting:** 12th June 2024 **Meeting finished 8.05pm**	