

Governor Update 2018/19

18th October 2018

The Governors met with middle and senior leaders on 18th October 2018, we reviewed the exam results, complimented staff on their improved GCSE results. Discussions were held with subject leaders about their strategic plans for the forthcoming year building on the success achieved at GCSE and A-Level.

For all subjects the coming year is the second or third time for this style of examination and subject staff shared how they reviewed the results to help inform their subject development plans.

5th February 2019

The Governors met with senior leaders on 5th February 2019, who discussed their priorities to improve quality of teaching and learning. Governors enhanced their understanding of pupil premium and quality of teaching.

Governors observed a total of 12 lessons across all key stages. Governors were pleased to note that the standard of teaching was uniformly good across the key stages with very little evidence of low level disruption and negative behaviour of pupils.

During the day Governors met with a cross section of Sixth Form and KS4 students who shared their experiences of life at Bewdley and potential opportunities for them to enter the Sixth Form.

25th June 2019

Governors looked at behaviour & safeguarding and had a detailed update of the latest moves in safeguarding including the creation of new roles and activities within the school to assist safeguarding. Governors received details of the assembly themes for the year, which was a target from our governor day last year. We planned additional safeguarding training for governors and were told about mental health first aiders being introduced in September 2019.

Governors had a walk around school and were impressed with excellent behaviour both in lessons and during a very wet break. Then Governors met with pupils from year 7-10 in order to ascertain their views on school life. Issues raised by pupils were communicated to the senior leadership team to be actioned.

Governors met with the attendance officer and were concerned about the negative impact unauthorised absence including term time holidays is having on students overall performance.

Overall actions

A group of governors formed a restructuring committee to address budget deficit issues and were able to formulate a strategy together with the Head teacher to improve the financial position of the school.

During the year governors have supported the Head teacher and his efforts to ensure that rather than lying empty as has been the case for the last eight years, due to the inaction of the Local Authority, the youth centre is put to good use by the school. This will enable some students with difficulties to remain at a separate centre within the school rather than moving to another establishment.

Governors have supported the senior leadership team in improving the provision for sixth formers both in the cafeteria and in the sixth form block and a group of governors have worked closely with students and staff on producing promotional materials for example videos for the school. Governors worked with the marketing team to show case the range of curriculum and enrichment opportunities offered at the sixth form. Governors were impressed with the manner in which sixth form students were able to present themselves on video.

Governors decided to increase the number of governors in the governing body by two as from September 2019 and will be communicating this to parents in due course.

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