

Governor Blog – Spring Term 2022

Governor Day was held on Monday 14 March and was our first one to be held in person for some time, whilst governor day still continued during the pandemic this was held online, which provided many governors with the opportunity to develop their IT skills and find new ways of doing things, which have proved invaluable for extraordinary and committee meetings called. The reestablishment of the live governor day has brought a sense of normality back for governors who are hopeful to return to holding live full governing body meetings.

The focus of the spring governor day was Quality of Teaching, where governors were able to visit lessons and observe the teaching and learning in numerous subject areas.

Governors met with students from year 7 to 10 and sixth form, which governors enjoyed and were impressed by how well they were able to articulate their views and opinions. Following this meeting Peter Willis shared Quality of Teaching strategic plan for this academic year whereby highlighting the key areas of focus.

Governors were able to meet with the new School Improvement Advisor and the plans and challenges for teaching and learning were discussed.

During this term we have seen the formal opening of the Youth centre and the appointment of a Youth Leader, who has been talking to students about the sort of things they would like to see in the centre. Work has also progressed in the formation of a new foundation for the school – a body which will enable closer work with the community of Bewdley for the benefit of school and town.

Governor Blog – Summer Term 2022

Governor day was held on Friday 24 June, which focused on Behaviour, Safety, wellbeing and review of governance. During the course of the day governors viewed behaviour around the school, both in lessons and break time, the observed behaviour was excellent and all appeared calm and well behaved.

Governors had the opportunity to meet students from Y7-12 and discussed with them issues around wellbeing and safety and students were very positive and had the opportunity to raise any issues they felt were important. These issues were then discussed with senior management afterwards.

Governors met the pastoral team and had explained to them how expansion of the pastoral team and changes to the attendance monitoring would help to address any attendance issues and mental wellbeing issues in the coming year.

Governor Blog – Autumn Term 2022

The Governors have visited School for the autumn term Governor Day on attainment and progress. This involved meeting with senior leaders and some of the subject heads to discuss the summer 2022 examination results. This included how they monitor attainment and progress across all groups, and what interventions and development initiatives there are for the forthcoming year. As an ongoing programme, senior leaders continue to provide insight into the impact of Covid on the social and mental welfare of students and what support/initiatives are in place.

We also met with the 6th form leadership team and congratulated them on the exceptional A Level results. They informed us of the new initiatives being launched as part of their continuing programme to equip students with the study skills that they need to succeed. Also, there are now 6 career pathways in operation to engage students in more super curricular opportunities, and this will help them to decide what they want to do in the future.

Overall, it was a positive day with Governors encouraged by the enthusiasm and commitment of teaching staff to afford students opportunities to succeed.