

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.

Governor Blog – Spring Term 2023

The Spring Governor day focussed on teaching & learning. Governors were given the opportunity to visit several lessons, covering the majority of the curriculum, to see what teaching techniques are used and how students respond. They were able to ask students about their learning experiences and were very impressed at what they saw and heard.

Governors scrutinised a sample of student workbooks and spent time with the Head of English to get a more in depth understanding of the current and future work priorities of the department. Governors also met with small groups of students to get their views on teaching and learning. Governors felt that this had been a very worthwhile day.

Governor Blog – Summer Term 2023

Governor day was held on Wednesday 21 June, which focused on Behaviour, Safety, Wellbeing and review of governance. During the course of the day governors undertook a behaviour walk around the school observing lessons and break time, and were accompanied by heads of year. The calmness and high standard of behaviour in the school was very impressive.

Governors had the opportunity to meet students from Y7-12 to ask how they felt about their wellbeing and safety within school and their responses were very positive.

Governors also met with newly appointed and existing staff who have pastoral roles to discuss the challenges that they face and their plans for the next 12 months. The day concluded with a feedback session with the senior leadership team.