## Chesterton Community College Teaching and Learning Committee Minutes from 04th May 2016

- 1. **Present:** Roger Mann (RM), Lucy Scott (LS) (Head), Katherine Hutchinson (KH), Colleen Lehane (CL), Shelley Lockwood (SL) (Co-Chair), Lucy Lewis (LL) (Co-Chair), Rolf Purvis (RP), Clare Hargraves (CH), Luke Tumner (LT), Peter Rodgers (PR) and Suzie Marston (SM).
- 2. **Apologies:** Simon Peyton- Jones and Morag Morrison-Helme.
- 3. **Register of Business Interests:** None.
- 4. **Minutes of the last meeting:** These were approved and signed as a true record by the Chair.
- 5. **Matters Arising:** All actions were completed. LS added that due to current finances we were not looking to replace the current mentors but are exploring different options. It was discussed that the committee would focus on one Chesterton report during each meeting which the committee all agreed.
- 6. **Policies: Educational Visits Charging Policy:** It was agreed to rename the policy to Educational Visits Charging Statement.

**Teaching and Learning Policy:** Some amendments to the wording of the policy was discussed. This was to be looked at and amended by RP.

Action: RP to re phrase wording. Clerk to add to next agenda.

7. **Developments in the Drama Faculty:** Suzie Marston gave an insight into what she has achieved within the Drama Faculty since joining Chesterton in 2015. Suzie explained how she has worked with a number of students on an extract from 'Mid Summers Night's Dream' and took the performance to Mitcham's Park where a Kickstart project was being held. Suzie explained to the committee how she has transformed the Drama studios since joining, one is now

completely all black giving a great effect for performances. The college has since housed Year 11 performances in the studio which was a huge success. SM went on to explain how next years, year 10 cohort will have 70% based on theory and only 30% on performance which will be a contrast to previous years. Suzie spoke about current year 11's and is pleased with the progress and added she couldn't possibly have done anymore. Suzie gave an insight on all year's progress and what they have been working on. Governors praised Suzie for all her hard work and dedication and said they were excited to see what's happening within Drama. A good positive outcome is achieved through Drama and brings out confidence, good team work and public speaking skills. LS thanked Suzie for all her hard work in transforming the Drama Faculty.

- 8. **Data Update:** Clare Hargraves fed back to the committee how the monitoring and tracking progress is going so far. Life after Levels has also been developed. When looking at pupil progress at KS3 CH explained the factors involved which included, looking at feedback books, monitoring visits, interventions and the Seesaw app. It was discussed that one of the main outcomes to get students prepared for levels at KS3 was to do more work in KS2 (Primary Schools). CH explained to the committee what Challenge Potential Grade means. Governors questioned if students were aware that this is a challenge grade and not the actual Grade. CH explained that this was fed back to all students and parents. CH also added that we have two a-c groups in yr 7 and one in year 8. Governors guestioned how you would know when they have caught up, to which CH explained that at the moment we would know as we should see them KS4 ready by the end of year 9. We've developed a system that works well for us and we are pleased with what we have in place. Parent Governors questioned that they wanted to make sure that parents fully understand through possibly parent information evenings. The CRS system was discussed and Governors were shown how this can track what's going on within a classroom to which examples were shown to the committee. CH explained how Senior leaders and Middle Leaders can challenge and describe good progress. The system can be used to look at data and unpick so we can see what interventions are needed.
- 9. **Pupil Premium:** LS told the committee that the Student Mentors will be leaving us at the end of this year, they have had a positive effect and worked hard with our pupil premium students. Governors questioned if we could look at some voluntary support from possibly Hills or Long Road Sixth Form College. LS added that different options are still being explored.

- 10. **Preparation for Ofsted:** LS fed back to the committee on the recent visit from Rosemary Prince who works for the Regional Schools Commissioner and Dame Joan Mcvitie who leads the Cambridgeshire School Improvement Board. This was a very positive visit and both were very impressed by what they saw at Chesterton.
- 11. **Report Focus:** Teaching and Learning Report was discussed in detail and some amendments to the content was made.

**Action: RP to make changes on T&L report.** 

12. AOB: None

13. Date of Next Meeting: 29th June 2016

This meeting closed at 5.20pm