

Chesterton Community College
Teaching and Learning Committee
Minutes from 29th June 2016

1. **Present:** Simon Peyton Jones, Colleen Lehane, Lucy Lewis (Chair), Shelley Lockwood, Donna Young, Kath Hutchinson and Luke Turner.
2. **Apologies:** Roger Mann, Lucy Scott, Rolf Purvis, Martin Russell, Clare Hargraves and Peter Rodgers.

This meeting was quorate of 5 Governors out of 7 present.

3. **Declaration of Conflict of Interest:** None
4. **Register of Business Interests:** None
5. **Minutes from the last meeting (04.05.16):** These were approved and signed as a true record by the Chair.
6. **Matter Arising:** RP adapted described amendments on policy that was discussed at the last T&L meeting. Governors were happy with the amendments.
7. **Developments in the English Faculty:** Sophie Igoe spoke about the English faculty and how she will be starting as head of English in September managing 13 staff. The two link governors are Morag and Shahida. Sophie spoke about the new GCSE and what big differences there are from the previous cohort. English Lit There will be no controlled assessments just 100% exam but students are now expected to quote accurately and at great length, testing understanding and knowledge of entire novel. English Language has a broader range of texts, harder vocabulary given in exam analyse. Students are now expected to compare two extracts against each other. Mark schemes have now been introduced but staff across the board have no idea what 20/40 means as an exam grade (grade boundaries). Governors questioned that this should be shared with parents to avoid the risk of mistaken grade expectations. The new GCSE structure has meant adapting teaching techniques to ensure children are fully prepared, starting with teaching skills to year Yr7, the skills that they will need for years 10/11. Some concerns from the English department are that there is less opportunities for creative writing and not enough room in the curriculum to teach them skills of redrafting a creative piece. At present we are trialing a new app which allows students to film own versions of scenes and do comparisons. This has proved a great asset and one the teaching staff are really keen on progressing. Sophie spoke about the future plans and how different members within the faculty will be taking on different responsibilities for particular parts of the curriculum. The committee thanked Sophie for her feedback.

- 8. Developments in the Curriculum:** Richard Auffret spoke to the committee about the changes in curriculum and how there will changes for A/C students. 75% of students in A/C groups are making progress above the national average. Currently we have two A/C sets in YR7 and one in YR8. Next year there will only be one A/C class in year 7 instead of two and will be daily Maths sand English sessions rather than just blocks. Assessment training will be done by subject specialist. The new reports show students that aren't making adequate progress to KS4 and those student will be given extra help and support with a teacher. From this year KS4 there will be 3 options for 4 double periods instead of 4 options with 3 double periods. The reasoning behind this was so that students could get stronger grades in the subjects they are doing. Governors challenged this and Richard confirmed that preliminary indications are very positive. The aim is to now work to have a better understanding at KS2 so we know what is new and what consolidation is, make better use of the data from KS2 SATs. CAT testing was done earlier this year. From then on we can monitor progress through KS3. There are no big changes for option choices this year however MLF seem slightly down to which Erinn Heggan is doing an action plan to ensure this is not a trend. CRC relationships seem to be going really well with a plan for more students to go next year. RA spoke about the different faculty's and options available, adding that we are delighted to have maintained are specialist staff. RA added that we will continuously review how we lead into KS4.

Action: Richard Auffret to send round a KS3 vision report to Governors

Lucy Scott arrived at 5.15

9. Policies:

Grouping and Setting Policy: RA explained that there would be a new policy that would commence from September adapting the section on student grouping by subjects.

Action: RA to email new policy round to Governors.

Marking and Feedback Policy: Minor amendments made to wording in policy.

Leave of Absence Policy: All Agreed.

Admissions Policy: All Agreed.

10. Data Update: This was included in the Curriculum update.

11. Ofsted Preparation: Nothing to add.

12. Pupil Premium: Nothing to add.

13. A.O.B: It was mentioned that next year's meetings would be trialled at two in autumn, two in spring and one in summer.

14. Date of next meeting: 20th October 2016

This meeting closed at 5.40pm.