

## **Board of Governors Annual Statement**

### **September 2021 – July 2022**

September 2021 saw an increase in the Year 7 intake, with 107 starting. Achieved through great work by Louise Woodward and team reaching out to Primary Schools, involving them in lots of activities, with 142 due to start in September 2022.

Unfortunately, we still haven't seen the back of COVID. A two day testing programme was in place at the start of the year. Quite a low uptake due to families already testing on a regular basis at home. There were still some pupil and teacher COVID related absences, especially during the first term. The school, along with many others around the country, had to make the decision to close due to not enough teaching staff available. Luckily, only for one day though.

A challenging boy heavy year 11 group kept the teaching staff on their toes. The Passport to Prom was helped keep them motivated to the end of the year. A School Ambassador programme has also been added, to allow students the chance to show their leadership skills.

A new level has been added to the behaviour system. Exclusions for this academic year are down from last year, also with shorter periods of exclusions reducing the days. The school have been tightening up on punctuality by bringing in detentions for being late for registration.

There have been lots of positive comments regarding social media presence for the school. Winning Best Community School is well deserved and a great tribute to the team and their efforts. Race for Life, Christmas Fair, Colour Run and the half term baking competition are examples of how the team and the PTA are involving the community and show casing the school in an extremely positive light.

A few changes to the staff have seen a new Head of Faculty for Science, Alison Knight on maternity leave and Matt Gill handing in his notice to move to pastures new. A restructure in the SLT will be seen in the next academic year, along with a two week timetable.

Some great sporting experiences, including Area 7aside football, Area Rugby 7s and the Festival of Athletics. The school was represented well at all events and achieved some great results.

The Wizard of Oz and Lord of the Flies productions kept the drama department busy and a successful DOE expedition was completed. An extracurricular taster day allowed students an opportunity to pick up to three activities to sample out of an impressive twenty.

### **Governance Arrangements**

The full board of Governors still meet on a monthly basis, with minutes available on the school website. There were a few changes to personnel on the board from last year. Current members are:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Steve Ingram	Co-Chair of Governors	
Jan Reed	Co-Chair of Governors	
Andrew Childe	Staff	
Greg Horan	Co-opted	Started Jan 22
Lucy Legard	Co-opted	
Christine Inchley	Co-opted	
Kate Loughlin	Parent	
Kelly Whitehouse	Parent	Started Jan 22

Louise Doyle	Parent	Started Jan 22
Tom Kelly	Head Teacher	
Matt Gill	Deputy Head Teacher	
Alison Knight	SLT - SEND	
Denise McFarlane	Business Manager	