

Governor News

Summer Term - July 2021

Congratulations Team Tuxford! - you are a credit to the academy, the trust, our senior leadership team, your teachers, staff and not least to your families!

Despite these challenging and unprecedented times, together with disruptive last-minute changes from government and exam bodies and their associated massive additional workloads (not least with the huge task of fairly grading school work instead of exams), our staff and students have stepped up and showed us all why we are so proud of our Academy and all who belong to our 'family'. The Trust have also provided significant encouragement and support to the Senior Leadership Team (SLT), governors and academy as a whole during these difficult times for which we would like to say a big Thank you!

I have had the privilege of being Chair of Governors for 6 years now, during a time of change with the need to be more nimble, financially aware, flexible and reactive, looking to the future innovations and new and exciting advancements to keep us ahead of the 'pack'- many of the improvements needed, we didn't see coming. But with professionalism and extremely focussed hard collaborative work, SLT and staff from the academy have raised the bar and not only met, but exceeded the high standards we set for ourselves. There is still work to be done, but I am encouraged at how far we have come and the team we have in place to get to where we need to be. With this in mind, and the fact that our academy is in a strong academic and leadership position, I have over the last year, been preparing to step down as Chair. Rob Lancaster has together with support from me, and other governors, been preparing, training and shadowing me to ensure a smooth transition. I am now glad to announce that he has been elected as your new chair from September 2021. In addition, at least one governor has put their name forward for election as Vice- Chair and hopefully we will hear who has been appointed soon. This leaves a strong support and challenge mechanism in place from the governors, to encourage; challenge and provide a 'critical friend' and to hold to account the SLT and staff to ensure best value and the highest standards are maintained and if at all possible, exceeded. Our aim has always been to ensure that through the right strategies and management structures, the academy will flourish in the years ahead. With all of this making sure that our focus is always on our young people, who are, after all, the main reason we do this.

We are also glad that both a parent and staff governor have been elected which brings us up to full complement. I will continue as an appointed governor, but with a less frenetic role supporting wherever I can, looking specifically at staff and student wellbeing as well as conducting assemblies in my role as Community Link and Chaplain with a remit to support the development of the academy and local community partnership and involvement.

As we approach the summer break and to hopefully the lifting of many of the restrictions, with some sort of normality in September, may I once again thank you all for your support and wish you a happy holiday and well-earned rest, and for those who are moving on - a fantastic and fulfilling career ahead!

Kind regards

Revd Greg Price

Chair of Governors, Tuxford Academy Committee