

‘We Empower. We Respect. We Care.’

‘Excellence through teamwork’

Tuxford Academy Chair of Governors Autumn Term 2022 Report

Governors would like to express their appreciation for the hard work of staff and students throughout this term.

We know also how important it is to work closely with parents/carers.

The recent Parents Support Group Meeting (PSG) held in October chaired by Richard Charnock, one of our parent-governors demonstrated the importance of working together. The Academy acted upon several suggestions made at the summer term meeting and one example reported by parents was the improvements to communications using ‘Weduc’

The next PSG meeting is on **Tuesday 7 February at 5.30-7pm** in the Training Room at Tuxford and is open to all parents/carers.

Please email Richard to confirm your attendance via rcharnock@gov.diverse-ac.org.uk

Many congratulations to the staff and students for achieving some excellent examination results in August. The fact that the academy knows the destinations of students moving onto post 16 and post 18 opportunities is of equal importance and a considerable achievement.

The Academy is on a relentless improvement journey and governors see this on their visits. An example being a visit to join the staff team before students returned to school in the summer, looking at ways of continuing to ‘foster a culture of high expectations.

Following this training session, it is pleasing to report how impressed governors and trustees have been when they have visited and walked around the academy.

Governors attended two Open evenings. One for Year 6 and another for year 11 students and parents which were excellently organised and well received.

Governors had the pleasure of attending the Key Stage 3 production of Robin Hood and the amazing Christmas Music Concert in the last week of term. It is a privilege to see the huge amount of talent showcased through these impressive events supported by many parents/carers.

We want to pay tribute to the staff who work tirelessly to make these productions such a success and open to so many students.

Recent surveys have shown that the staff, students, and parents/carers are very positive about how the school is run and feel well supported. As governors we see this when we visit and are confident that any issues are dealt with quickly and effectively.

Tuxford is part of Diverse Academies Trust, and we have strong links with the Trustees, Chief Executive and staff. They offer first class training and advice to staff and governors.

We are looking for a new parent governor to join the governing body in January, which will be decided through an election. The vacancy has arisen because Reverend Greg Price is stepping down. He leaves with our best wishes having served for 7 years, four of them as Chair. Fortunately, Greg will still stay connected through his daytime role and will continue to inspire students on his visits.

As we reach another festive season, we recognise the challenges facing people at this time and want to pay tribute to those volunteers running local foodbanks and all the efforts made to support vulnerable members of our community.

If you would like to know more about the work of Tuxford governors and view the minutes of our meetings, please visit the website via the link below:

<https://www.tuxford-ac.org.uk/our-academy/governance/academy-board-minutes/>

If you have any comments or feedback on this update or any other matters, I can always be contacted through our governance professional Mrs Serena Baines sbaines@diverse-ac.org.uk or 01777 861402

We wish you a safe and happy festive season and look forward to continuing our programme of visits which provide supportive challenge to the academy in 2023.

Rob Lancaster

Chair of Governors

On behalf of Tuxford Governing Body