

Tuxford Academy Chair of Governors Spring Term Report 2023

Governors would like to express their appreciation for the hard work of staff and students throughout a rather disrupted term, which culminated with a visit from Ofsted Inspectors.

Governors know that staff give generously of their time beyond the school day by offering a large number of enrichment activities and after school and Saturday morning GCSE and A level revision sessions.

This term we have made 16 visits to the Academy. Our visits include attending assemblies, monitoring the quality of departments, the ways in which students are kept safe and what the Academy is doing to help students with special educational needs and disabilities.

Another recent visit was to observe some amazing students discussing their charity fund raising, community activities and school competitions. They are a credit to themselves, their families, and the Academy.

We are keen to develop better links with parents/carers and recently attended a useful meeting attended by parents/carers of students with special educational needs and disabilities. (SEND).

I also had the privilege of attending an 'Oxbridge' evening where one of our Year 13 students described how they successfully applied for a place at Cambridge University. They were a credit to themselves, their family, and the Academy.

Governors are particularly interested in how the Academy is promoting Equality, Diversity and Inclusion. Our latest visit confirmed the importance that is attached to this curriculum area. It is tribute to our staff and students that our Ukrainian students have settled in so well.

Once again, the Easter concert proved to be a successful event showcasing the amazing talent at Tuxford. Our Thanks go to the staff who work tirelessly to create this production.

We look forward to attending the Matilda production in July, which once again will present amazing opportunities for students to showcase their talents on stage or as importantly, back stage.

All visits are discussed twice termly at our Academy Committee Meetings. We are very pleased with the quality of education and acknowledge the openness of all staff to any learning from such visits.

We are keen to improve our links with parents/ carers and the wider community. In addition to the parents support group (PSG) meeting to which all are invited, we attempt to be present at all school events and welcome your thoughts on how we can improve our community links or any other matter you wish to discuss.

The next PSG meeting is on Tuesday 23rd May at 5.30-7pm in the Training Room at Tuxford and is open to all parents/carers.

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

After 14 years serving on the governing body, we bid farewell to Miss Tivey who has been an important link between governors and the staff. The good news is Miss Tivey will continue to provide outstanding teaching at Tuxford. A process is in place for the election of a new staff governor. We also welcome Martina Griffiths as the newly elected parent-governor and look forward to her valuable contributions to our team.

Finally, I wanted to leave you with the thoughts of the governing body as to what we believe make this an Academy we are extremely proud of:

School strengths

- A calm, purposeful climate for learning where staff have high expectations of students
- Excellent safeguarding measures and support for students mental health and well being
- A high quality academic curriculum alongside great opportunities for personal development through a large number of after school clubs run by volunteer staff
- Experienced and knowledgeable subject staff with a strong focus on staff training.

The Academy continues to review its work and strives to raise standards and improve its links with the community it serves.

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 questions or comments on this report or any other matters, I can be contacted through our governance professional Mrs Serena Baines sbaines@diverse-ac.org.uk or 01777 861402

Rob Lancaster

Chair of Governors

On behalf of Tuxford Governing Body

As governors our work is steered by our Vision, Mission, and Values:

Vision <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To inspire.• To raise aspirations.• To create brighter tomorrows.	Mission <p>We nurture curiosity, develop wellbeing and empower children and young people to go beyond their aspirations. Together, we make a difference in our diverse communities and in the lives of those who learn with us and work with us.</p>	Values <ul style="list-style-type: none">• We empower• We respect• We care
Achieved by 'Excellence through teamwork'		