

Tuxford Academy Chair of Governors Summer Term 2023 Report

As we reach the end of our academic year, governors would like to express their appreciation for the hard work of staff and students throughout this year.

It has been a year tinged with sadness at the loss of Claire Hallam, a much loved and respected colleague. Our thoughts are with Claire's family and friends.

It is a landmark year because after 12 years OfSTED visited us in March and graded the academy overall good. This is in line with other previously outstanding academies across Nottinghamshire.

The governors are proud of the staff and students who used this opportunity to shine and showcase much of what makes Tuxford such a great place to work and learn in.

We have seen these qualities during our visits this year which include meetings with parent/carers, staff, students, looking at Safeguarding, attending school trips, sports day and the amazing production of Matilda.

We know staff continue to give generously of their time beyond the school day, despite ongoing industrial action, offering a large variety of enrichment activities and after school activities.

I was particularly struck that some of our most vulnerable learners were supported to participate in sports day making it a truly inclusive experience.

During visits, staff provide students with whom we meet to listen to their views on what is going well and their suggestions which will improve the Tuxford experience. These are always passed onto senior leaders.

All visits are discussed at the twice termly 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.

Governors take concerns and complaints very seriously and do their best to investigate and report in a fair and transparent manner. There is always learning for the Academy in such circumstances.

We are keen to improve our links with parents/ carers and the wider community. In addition to the parents' support group meeting to which all are invited, we will 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 17 October 2023 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

I want to pay tribute to two of our Year 13 students who joined our governing body meetings this year. Their respectful and honest views helped us to better see the Academy from a student perspective. Student involvement will continue in this way next year.

We wish all Year 11& 13 students all the best for results day and their future careers. They are probably the groups most affected by the impact of COVID-19.

Finally, returning to Ofsted, in my last report I described our views on Tuxford which I believe are a close match to how inspectors saw the academy in March.

There are many strengths to build upon and the challenges identified were already known and being addressed by the academy.

Have a restful and productive summer and thank you for your ongoing support.

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 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

Rob Lancaster

Chair of Governors

On behalf of Tuxford Governing Body

As governors we work is shaped by our vision, mission and values which are:

Vision

To inspire. To raise aspirations. To create brighter tomorrows.

Mission

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.

Values

We empower

We respect

We care

Achieved by 'Excellence through teamwork'