

Tuxford Academy Chair of Governors Report Summer Term 2024

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

It has been a year tinged with sadness at the loss of Roger Twelvetrees and Doreen Hollingsworth, much loved and respected governors. Our thoughts are with their family and friends.

We have continued our programme of visits this term looking at curriculum matters, safeguarding, special needs, assemblies, behaviour, attendance, staff meetings, parent/ carers meetings. and with the academy leadership. These visits are discussed at the twice termly academy committee meetings.

Visits ensure governors offer supportive challenge to the academy leadership to ensure that all students are being given the best life chances and achieve to the best of their ability.

We know staff continue to give generously of their time beyond the school day offering many trips and after school activities including sports fixtures, some of which take staff away from their families for several days.

We are aware that Modern Foreign Languages provide opportunities to engage parents/carers as does the Visual Arts and Design Technology Faculties which I had the pleasure to visit recently displaying the amazing talent of students and progress they make.

Once again Performing Arts put on the amazing production of High School Musical which involved so many staff and students, demonstrating 'Excellence through Teamwork,' involving students of all abilities.

This term we were delighted to support Pride Month and are proud that through the hard work of staff and students Tuxford gained the Rainbow Award reflecting the academy's commitment to fostering a safe and supportive environment for all students.

Governors take concerns and complaints very seriously and do their best to investigate and report in a fair and transparent manner. We always identify if there is learning from these situations.

We meet annually to reflect on our work as governors and identify ways in which we can improve. One priority is to find better ways to communicate with parents/ carers and the wider community.

We have consulted the existing parents' support group and produced a new approach and will be writing out to all parents/ carers in September, seeking their support for this revised approach. One of our governors, Richard Charnock is leading this work and can be contacted by email at rcharnock@gov.diverse-ac.org.uk

We will be holding an election for a new parent governor in September.

We wish Year 11 and 13 students all the best for results day and their future careers.

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 call 01777 861402 during term times.

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On behalf of Tuxford Academy Governing Body