

Chair of Governors Report Autumn Term 2024

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

At this time of year, we remember those staff and governors who sadly left us too soon. Their memories and legacy live on.

We welcome two new governors, Rebecca Henderson, appointed governor and Nicola Troman- Green, parent governor we look forward to them joining the team.

We still have a vacancy for a parent-governor and will be inviting parents/ carers who may be interested to contact our governance professional Serena Baines. Her contact details are below.

We also have post 16 students attending who contribute to our meetings with their first-hand experiences. They also demonstrate a level of maturity which is a credit to themselves, their parents and the staff who have taught them.

Our programme of visits this term looked at examination results, curriculum development, safeguarding, special needs, behaviour, attendance, staff meetings and meetings with parents/ carers of students with special educational needs.

All visits are discussed at the twice termly academy committee meetings and provide an opportunity to explore areas of success and check out priorities aimed at improving the outcomes and experience of students at Tuxford

We also meet regularly with the academy leadership to keep up to date with developments.

Governors have observed so many positive activities this term, including the wonderful Christmas Showcase organised by the Performing Arts team, the fantastic attendance at parents evenings made so interesting and constructive by the staff team and students, 'Bring your parents/carers to Art lessons ' which were a huge success and some powerful messages to students through weekly assemblies, including the Remembrance assemblies in November.

Governors recognise the importance of the leadership opportunities students get, including the Charity Days which they organise.

The committed and thorough approach to supporting student mental health and welfare is a key part of academy life, through resolute staff and outside agencies.

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 are progressing our own priorities including finding better ways to communicate with parents/ carers and the wider community.

In addition to trying to make better use of social media we held our first meeting of the newly configured Parent Focus Group. This was well attended and had representatives from all but one year group. Our thanks to our governor Richard Charnock who is leading this work.

Please contact Richard If you wish find out more or attend the next meeting scheduled for Tuesday 11 February at 5.30-7pm.

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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](tel:01777861402)

Finally, may I wish everyone connected with the academy a safe, enjoyable, and peaceful time over the Christmas and a happy new year ahead.

Best wishes,

Rob Lancaster

Chair of Governors

On behalf of Tuxford Governing Body