

2020-21 Summary Report of the Trustee Board - Student Needs and Curriculum Committee

The committee is responsible for matters relating to curriculum, both academic and pastoral, and also the needs of students in many areas, including safeguarding, mental health and wellbeing.

A Task and Finish programme is carried out to triangulate evidence of progression in key areas of focus identified for scrutiny by the Board. This usually consists of two trustees who work with senior leadership. Progress reports are presented at the committee meetings and a final report is produced at the end of the task.

At the conclusion of each meeting the Trustees discuss what impact there has been. Meeting minutes are approved at the next meeting of the committee and an update of the work of the committee is given at the following full Trustee Board meeting.

Summarised below are matters addressed by the committee during the academic year 2020-21:

5 October 2020 Committee Meeting

- There was an update on the plans for curriculum catch up, student progress and remote learning.
- The Forward2Education curriculum catch up and progress were discussed.
- There was an update on exam entries and results for the year 2019/20.
- Trustees discussed student transition and destinations for 2020 leavers.
- The Annual Safeguarding Audit was approved.
- The Task and Finish monitoring was discussed.
- Trustees discussed student wellbeing following the full reopening of the academy.

1 February 2021 Committee Meeting

- There was an update on and discussion of current remote learning.
- Trustees received an update on the Relationships and Sex Education curriculum and formed a working party for the RSE policy.
- Trustees received information on options for Key Stage 4 and 5.
- There was a presentation on Compass+ and the careers programme.
- Further data on the exam results for the year 2019/20 was received and discussed.
- There was an update on the Risk Assessment and Trustees formally approved the updated version.
- Trustees received an update on the work being done on safeguarding.
- There was a presentation on the work to support wellbeing of staff, students and parents.
- There were reports on Task and Finish monitoring work on the Key Stage 3 – 5 curriculum and the careers programme.
- Revised committee terms of reference were approved.

7 June 2021 Committee Meeting

- There was discussion on the monitoring of standards and Trustees scrutinised data on student progress.
- There was an update on the 2021-22 curriculum, work experience and enterprise plans.

- Trustees received an update on the Careers' curriculum.
- There was a further update on the summer assessments and approval of the Exam Policy.
- There was an update on the Relationships and Sex Education curriculum consultation and approval of the revised policy and scheme of work.
- There was a final report on the Task and Finish monitoring work on the Key Stage 3 to 5 Curriculum.
- Transition arrangements for those joining in September were discussed.
- There was policy development and several policies were approved.

Marian Wheeler - Chair