

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GOVERNORS' CURRICULUM SUB-COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 11 MARCH 2009**

**PRESENT:** Mrs A Jeffrey (Chair), Mrs A Dabbs, Mrs C May, Mr T Jones, Dr M Walley.

**1/09 APOLOGIES**

Ms J Brake.

**2/09 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 23 OCTOBER**

Presented at the last full governing body meeting.

**3/09 MATTERS ARISING**

19/08 KS4 curriculum 2009-10 update – Mrs May reported that nearly all students had now returned their option forms and are again keen to access the broader range of KS4 courses. The school is looking to expand college courses and is investigating a hair and beauty course at Weston Favell School. Engineering is also a growth area and this could be taught in-house by the design department. These extra courses are, however, dependent upon budgetary considerations.

**4/09 YEAR 11 MOCK RESULTS**

Mock results had been very similar to last year, in terms of 5 A\*-C grades including English and maths and this figure should improve. The projected figure from subject leaders suggests a final percentage in line with last year's performance.

**5/09 YEAR 13 PROGRESS**

Mr Jones reported that staff had been tracking students against target grades and students who fall behind would be identified. Out of a cohort of 97, 54 were on track or above and 36 only just below. He said that Y13 had not engaged with sixth form strategy as well as Y12, but the picture is positive at present and results should be better than last year.

**6/09 ASSESSMENT FOR LEARNING REVIEW**

Mrs May distributed a draft summary. Departments had looked at Assessment for Learning across the curriculum and an action plan would be formulated. She explained the key characteristics, strengths and gaps across the school. This will be a major driver for improvement over the next few years.

**7/09 SPIRITUAL, MORAL, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT AUDIT**

Summary documents were circulated.

The audit had been put together through consultation with departments. There are still gaps in what we would hope, and are expected, to deliver, but the audit is ongoing and an action plan is being put together. It was stressed that the school must also show that systems are in place to evaluate how things are progressing against the criteria.

**8/09 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday, 11 June at 4.00 pm.