

MINUTES OF THE GOVERNORS' SCIENCE COLLEGE SUB-COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY 12 NOVEMBER

1. Science challenge day

This is a whole school event, which will take place in July 2009. Each department is running a series of day long workshops geared towards Y/Y8 or Y9/Y10. Activities have been planned in outline and will be shared in the new year with students. Students will then be able to opt for the workshop that inspires, for them, the most interest.

2. Extended project

This has been introduced nationally at post-16 to challenge the most able students. We are trialling this with 2 groups based within science, and there has been an enthusiastic response. Students need both a final project, but also an analysis of the process and methodology involved.

3. Results review

Science and maths presented analyses of what had been a successful year for both subject areas.

4. SEAL (Social and emotional aspects of learning)

The school is a pilot school for the introduction of SEAL to secondary schools. The focus this year is Y7 PSHE and science. A series of science lessons have been produced, in which students reflect on the process of learning, including groupwork and collaborative enquiry.

5. Community Plan

There has been active involvement with the cluster primary schools and other local secondary schools. However, involvement with the wider community has been very limited. Research and planning is currently taking place to re-establish active links for the next financial year.

6. Website

The new website is now active. The next challenge is to develop a VLE (virtual learning environment) as a learning tool. This will be piloted within science and maths, and should be active by summer 2009. There is also a requirement for schools to introduce online reporting by 2010