



Groby Community College Governor Visit Record

Name of Governor	Helen Brown
Date and Time of visit	20th November 2013
Purpose of visit	Humanities link visit with Paul Kimber

Links with the College Improvement Plan (How does the visit relate to a priority in the College Improvement Plan?)

Governor observations and comments

Previous visit: Friday 11th October –Exam analysis meeting. This was documented separately. To be tabled at FGB meeting November 26th.

Visit lasted one hour.

Only a few A'level lessons on at this time – classroom observation to be carried out early Spring term.

At the meeting of the 11th October History was the main concern for the faculty. There were concerns over the structure of the course delivery, assessment and over complication but there was no concern about the teaching.

Since then there has been a History Review. The final report was positive overall.

Strengths

- Detailed Schemes of Learning
- Marking and feedback
- Student voice overwhelmingly positive about the subject

Areas for development

- The head of History has made a link with Melton Vale Post 16 College for networking and collaboration.
- To narrow the gap in predictions/final grades so that students know clearly that they are falling behind.
- Supply a good revision guide to all students.

We looked at the Humanities Faculty Assurance Calendar which is a working document.

One part time member of the faculty goes on maternity leave starting 22nd November. A level Psychology groups have been merged due to small numbers in one group. Some staff under timetabled so able to pick up more. Head of faculty going slightly over timetable. With re-staffing and merging groups maternity leave has been covered from inside the faculty.

Year 9 open evening went well. Faculty showed off a number of practical activities. Paul liaising with primary schools as part of his SLT role. Would like to show field work to these children.

Post 16 student mentoring is proving to be successful. A number of year 12 and 13 students are helping out in Humanities lessons. Case studies discussed.

With monies from student teachers pot Paul would like to purchase a mini ipad for all members of his team. These have been of value in other faculties/departments.

Meeting Spring term to observe lessons (Learning walks) and look at County ALPS scores.



Any key issues arising for the governing body

e.g. The way resources are allocated, the way the school communicates, progress in implementing a key policy

Forward to: Principal and then to FGB.

Follow up action

Record any action agreed by the governing body with regard to this visit.