



Groby Community College Governor Visit Record

Name of Governor	Bharat Mistry
Date and Time of visit	12th October 2012
Purpose of visit	Participate in the Exam Analysis (2012) and observations of maths lessons.
<p>Links with the College Improvement Plan (How does the visit relate to a priority in the College Improvement Plan?) As per CIP: Increase rates of progress in Maths in order to achieve our 5A*-C with E/M targets – 2012 70% 3 Levels / 2013 75% / 2014 80%.</p>	
<p>Governor observations and comments E.g. How long did the visit last? What did you observe? What did you learn? What good practice was seen? What would you like clarified?</p> <p>The whole visit lasted approx. 2hours</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During the initial meeting the Head of Maths went through the results for maths over the last year (2012) and then presented what the next year's target should be set at. • The Head of Maths presented the results for the year and this showed that Maths has seen a big improvement, this was explained by the pro-active work that has been carried out to improve the results in this subject. Examples of these initiatives included lunch time revisions, involvement of yr12 students (high achieving) mentoring students within the target groups. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ As part of this process, the Results for Yr 11 (GCSE), Yr12 (AS) &Yr13 (A2) for 2012 were discussed & reviewed ○ A summary was shared showing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ the key findings from the 2012 results ▪ Strengths and weaknesses identified ▪ Strategies to improve the results for the next year's cohort (2013) • This meeting also gave an opportunity to raise questions about current results and the proposed targets. The meeting seemed quite open and MB was happy to answer any questions raised. However, I did find some of the terminology and some of the statistical information a little confusing as I am not familiar with this type of information (<i>possibly need some training in this area or quick reference guide</i>). • This meeting was followed by visits to classrooms where maths was being taught and an introduction to the staff within the maths department. This was quite informative: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ MB showed how staff are monitoring each student's progress and what measures are being put in place to improve each pupil's results in maths. Red/Amber/Green traffic light system is in place to keep track of each pupil. ○ Class visits were very interesting: for an outside observer you could see lessons were planned so that they had an objective and pupils were clear about what the objectives were and what the success criteria were. 	



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

- From the last two visits I got the feeling that a lot of work has been done to improve the standards within maths, by MB and her team. The results achieved in the current year have clearly demonstrated that the interventions and the work that is currently being done to improve standards in maths are proving to be very effective.
- It has been reported that a new Head of Maths has now been appointed to take over from January 2013. MB is confident that the new Head of Maths will continue the progress that has already been made.

It would be useful for the Governing Body to be kept informed of the progress that is being made in this subject, once the new appointment has been made.

- My last observation highlighted some concerns about the use of old computers, so it was nice to see there has been an investment in new laptops, which seemed to have had a quite a positive impact on the learning.
- It would be nice to see further investment in new computers in other areas across the college, although I appreciate budget is an issue.

It would be useful for the GB to know what the strategy is for replacing the old computers.

Forward to: Principal for checking as draft. Will then be circulated at either TLA committee or full governing body.

Follow up action

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