



## Groby Community College Governor Visit Record

<b>Name of Governor</b>	Prof Jacqui Shaw
<b>Date and Time of visit</b>	29 <sup>th</sup> January 2014 (2.15pm)
<b>Purpose of visit</b>	First Link Governor visit with the Head of Post 16 and the Deputy Principal
<b>Links with the College Improvement Plan</b> (How does the visit relate to a priority in the College Improvement Plan?)	
Sustaining high achievement and delivering this across all groups in post 16	
<p><b>Governor observations and comments</b> 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 visit lasted approximately 1 hour. In this first visit we focussed on facilities, increasing numbers and curriculum changes.</p> <p><b>Facilities:</b> I was given a brief tour of post 16 work/study areas. The post 16 rooms were decorated and updated last summer, with a purple theme and vision wall. A new IT room is being developed over Easter. However, with expanding numbers going forward other computers and or working areas are likely to be needed.</p> <p><b>Student and staff numbers:</b> Post 16 numbers are expanding. There are currently 184 in yr 12, and 116 in yr 13, with an anticipated intake of 205-220 in autumn 2014. Although numbers are expanding, the Head of Post 16 felt that these numbers are manageable. Group sizes have gone up in 2013, but intake is likely to reduce in yr 10 going forward so overall numbers should be manageable in terms of staff/facilities. A new admin post is also being advertised to support post 16.</p> <p><b>Curriculum changes and impact of this:</b> With all students staying in education to 17, there is a need for a 1 year programme for less academic students. However in 2015, the new 2 year linear full A level commences, so there will not be an option to take a 1 year programme with part A level. Curriculum planning needs to reflect this change. Funding for yr 14 students is currently not known, but is likely to reduce.</p> <p><b>Mock exams and student support:</b> All AS students have recently sat mock exams (as the January modular exams are now gone), this was followed up with a "mock results day". MW and CH reflected that feedback from this had generally been positive and this had given some students a push to work harder for the summer.</p> <p>Thanks to MW and CH for taking the time to meet with me and for sharing information. In my opinion post 16 is very well led and managed.</p>	



**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

Continue to publicise the success of post 16 at Groby.

Increasing numbers in post 16 mean that facilities may need to expand going forward.

Consider ways to raise funds for expansion of post 16, purchase new computers and potentially new build of a dedicated post 16 centre.

**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.