



**Groby Community College
Governor Visit Record**

Name of Governor	Terry Moyes
Date and Time of visit	11th March 2014 at 5pm
Purpose of visit	Initial Governor Link Visit

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

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?

- Following my appointment as the Science Link Governor HH, Curriculum Science Leader invited me to visit.
- The meeting was scheduled for one hour but due to a parent call was about 45 minutes.
- The objectives of the meeting were for me to meet HH, see the facilities and get a feel for the Department.
- HH came across as a very hard working and committed teacher/department head who wants the best possible outcomes for her pupils. She has a background in industry which allows her to relate the theoretical to the practical.
- Following an initial chat she gave me a tour of the Department and took me through some of the premises issues she faces as well as informing about current topics and projects being studied.
- Due to time constraints on the evening a follow up visit is necessary to fully understand the performance of the Department and its plans for improvement
- HH has given me a copy of her Faculty Improvement Plan and I will arrange a follow up meeting with her to discuss this in detail and will report back to governors. Like a lot of internal documents it contains plenty of jargon and abbreviations which are a mystery to me.

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

- The central outside area outside that you pass on the way to Science had some loose slabs that need to be stabilised in order for them not to be a health and safety issue.
- The facilities are unappealing, out of date and require significant investment – particularly the external classrooms. I understand the internal college maintenance staff try hard to keep on top of the maintenance but a significant investment is required to bring it up to the 21st century.
- With our own lack of funds I would be keen to understand how we obtain investment to improve an ageing facility.
- However, whilst I am sure there is a connection with facilities, it is ultimately the results that count and my next visit will delve further into the Department's performance and plans.

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.