

2019 - 2020 Summary Report of the Trustee Board - Student Needs and Curriculum Committee

The committee is responsible for matters relating to curriculum, both academic and pastoral, and also the needs of students in many areas, including safeguarding and mental health.

A Task and Finish programme is carried out to triangulate evidence of progression in key areas of focus identified for scrutiny by the board. This usually consists of two trustees who work with senior leadership. Progress reports are presented at the committee meetings and a final report is produced at the end of the task.

At the conclusion of each meeting the Trustees discuss what impact there has been. Meeting minutes are approved at the next meeting of the committee and an update of the work of the committee is given at the following full Trustee Board meeting.

In the year 2019/20 the work of the Trustees was altered by the Covid 19 pandemic. The Board amended focus to urgent business critical work and made the decision to only meet as a Full Board by virtual meeting. This meant that the usual three committee meetings held in the year was reduced to two.

Summarised below are matters addressed by the committee during the academic year 2019-20:

Brief synopsis of business conducted by the committee meeting on 3 October 2019

- There was an update on and scrutiny of exam entries and results for the year 2018/19.
- There was a presentation and discussion on the Academy Career's strategy.
- Trustees monitored student transition and destinations for leavers in 2019.
- The Annual Safeguarding Audit was agreed.
- There was an update on the Mental Health and Wellbeing Quality Mark.
- Trustees discussed attendance at key Academy events.
- There was policy development.

Brief synopsis of business conducted by the committee meeting on 10 February 2020:

- Trustees received an update on transition information.
- There was monitoring of standards (Books, lesson observations and information data).
- There was an update on the Subject Department Reviews.
- Trustees received an update on the options available for those in different learning pathways at Key Stage 4 and 5 for the year 2020/21.
- There was an update on the progress of Pastoral Reviews in the new learning communities.
- There was a report on the Task and Finish work on the Key Stage 3 - 5 Curriculum.
- The committee Terms of Reference were discussed.
- The SEN policy was approved.

Marian Wheeler - Chair