

Autumn Term 2013/14 Governor Committee update

The lions share of the strategic work for which the governors are responsible falls within nine committees: Admissions, Curriculum & Standards (C&S), Finance, Kairos, Marketing & Communications (M&C), Pastoral, Pay & Personnel, Premises and Strategy. At the end of each term we will share committee updates—you can also access [minutes of each Full Governing Body \(FGB\) meeting](#) for detailed information.

Top stories

Curriculum and Standards

The C&S team is prioritising efforts to support the school's *Vision* offering relevant assistance to the Leadership Team when required—chief among them ensuring children achieve their expected levels of progress. As shared in the Autumn term [Governors' Newsletter](#). C&S reported last year's Year 6 pupils were very successful in their SAT tests. Both Average Point Score (which measures absolute attainment) and Value Added score (which measures progress) were very strong, once again placing us alongside the highest achieving schools in the country. There are several measures by which schools are ranked and you can see a full breakdown of this data, with notes on how to interpret it, at the Department for Education website: <http://www.education.gov.uk/schools/performance/>.

Premises

We learned recently that Queens has been selected for the Priority Schools Building Programme. The programme is ahead of schedule and our batch has been launched. We expect building work start in the middle of 2015 with a new building open early in 2016. A working party has been set up to manage the project internally. The group will work closely with the team of specialists at the EFA to deliver the project successfully. More information on the programme and 'baseline designs' are available on this website: <http://www.education.gov.uk/schools/adminandfinance/schoolscapital/priority-school-building-programme>

Recent happenings include the conversion of the ICT suite in to two break-out rooms, which have given the children much needed space in which to learn. Due to the impending Priority Schools Building Programme certain plans are under review including renovation of the Pond Area; the creation of a Teaching Kitchen; the school fence; and the creation of a Landscape Master Plan. This Committee has other responsibilities paramount amongst which is Health and Safety in respect of Pupils, Staff and Visitors, for which reason the School's much loved cedar tree had to be felled during the Summer.

Pastoral

This year has seen an additional focus on e-safety as the school enters an exciting new phase with the introduction of the use of tablets across the year groups. The work of Mr Megrah who is the school's ICT coordinator has been truly valuable. The committee has also spent time looking at how we further develop our links with the local community. This year we have welcomed the work of Mrs Corpetti who is now the link member of staff responsible community cohesion at Queens. Mrs Corpetti has successfully forged links with Abbeyfield, a residential home for older adults in the heart of our Kew community, to the mutual benefit of both pupils and residents.

Other news

Finance

This term the group worked to implement a new financial management system (Corero). Next term we will review our projected out-turn. As shared we are currently at only 60% of goal for the Governor Appeal looking to achieve a number similar to last year.

Kairos (God moment)

The Autumn term efforts focused on the initiation of a four year cycle of Collective Worship themes as

well as plans to offer support and advice on the teaching of RE in all year groups. Mr. Watt (RE coordinator) and Mrs. Harrison (Christian Vision coordinator) have been instrumental in forwarding this work.

Marketing & Communications

The focus of the marketing committee this term has been to ensure our Website is rich with information for The Queens' community and is updated on a regular basis. Mr. Adams has been key in achieving our goals as the school's dedicated IT Technician. We also always seek ways in which we can best communicate the happenings in and around our school community and will prioritise the work of Priority Schools Building Programme in this effort.

Pay and Personnel

The Pay and Personnel Committee adopted new performance pay arrangements for teachers as required by the Government. The group is also preparing a staff questionnaire as part of the initiative on Valuing Staff.

Strategy

Each committee chair met to ensure that the overall work of the Governing Body is in place to support the Headteacher and Leadership Team to realise the school's Vision for 2013/14.