



## **Governor Update - April News**

In February, the Full Governing Body had its fourth meeting of the year. Other committees met regularly too. All Governors received presentations from key staff (and also from the Sixth Form students on School Council), reviewed policies and asked challenging questions of the leadership on a range of topics; from academic progress for all pupils to curriculum updates; performance management to staffing updates; financial and building progress to wellbeing; safeguarding and pastoral care; plus much more.

Our two new Governors, Mr Burgess and Captain Evanson, joined the Teaching and Learning Committee and had their first committee meeting this month; they have also just completed their Governor training. We said goodbye to Dr Emsley, who we have had the privilege of being on the Full Governing Body for two full terms, eight years in total. Mr Backhouse now takes over chairing the Finance Committee. The next Full Governor Meeting in May will be looking at the School Self Evaluation Document, which feeds into the next School Development Plan.

Governors are continuing with subject visits around the school. These visits enable Governors to see the school day in progress and are able to monitor actual results against predictions, and to discuss with Heads of Department. It's also a good opportunity to talk to students and get a feel for how they respond to their learning. Visits are such an important part of the role, each Governor is assigned a department and reports back to the Full Governing Body on their findings, thereby allowing everyone to have a good understanding of the departments.

On behalf of the Governors, may I wish you all good wishes for a very Happy Easter.

Andrew Parker Chair of Governors