

# Governors Report 2014/15

The year 2014/15 has been one of both high and low experiences. The completion of our new school buildings allows the school to operate normally from September 2015 without the demands of running a school alongside building work and a reduced number of classrooms.

The Ofsted inspection, although resulting in a judgement of requiring improvement, did identify leadership and management as good, as was governance. This has focused the governing body on the strategic monitoring of the teaching and learning aspects of the school. We have reviewed the support offered by the local authority and continue to work closely with Hampshire County Council to improve what we do.

Our results in August this year were below expectations albeit an improvement on 2014, with English much improved. We will have to wait for our Progress 8 score to be distributed in January 2016 to see how the school has performed compared to similar schools in this new method of evaluation. Governors are concerned that our Maths results have not improved by as much as English and we will address this with the school staff.

Governors are excited that the school continues to have an impressive commitment to improving the life skills of our students. We offer an extensive curriculum with over 20 GCSEs and many other learning opportunities inside and outside the classroom to help them to discover what they love to do. This combined with a number of other opportunities and challenges will stand our young people well as they progress to further education. We continue to look for even more ways to deliver a broad educational experience and build on initiatives such as our small-holding and trips which last year included the first visit by Park students to Africa.

The general administration of the school and monitoring of finance, personnel and safeguarding are the remit of the Administration Committee, whilst the Performance Committee focuses on school improvement, attainment and teaching and learning practice. Governors have been involved in school with 'learning walks', staff recruitment interviews, seclusion interviews and regular checks on finance matters. The Chair meets regularly with the Headteacher to discuss ongoing developments and matters of concern.

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Chair of Governors