

## **CHURCHILL COMMUNITY COLLEGE GOVERNANCE SUMMARY FOR 2015/16**

The Governing body of Churchill Community College achieved national recognition of its outstanding practice as Governing body of the year at the National Governors' Association bi annual awards in June 2015.

The three core strategic functions of the Governing body are:

1. Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;
2. Holding the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils;
3. Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

### **Governance Arrangements**

The Governing body consists of:

- 4 Parent Governors
- 1 Local Authority Governor
- 1 Staff Governor
- 2 Foundation Governors
- 10 Co-opted Governors
- The Headteacher

There is also one Associate member with voting rights on the Achievement Committee, Finance and Staffing Committee, Teaching and Leadership Committee and the Safeguarding and Facilities Committee.

A list of Governors and their roles is attached as Appendix 1 of this report.

The full Governing body meets twice per term with additional meetings if required. It has five Committees which consider different aspects of the school enabling the full Governing body to adopt a strategic approach as follows.

- Achievement
- Finance and Staffing
- Teaching and Leadership
- Safeguarding and Facilities
- Governance Steering

There are also three Committees that meet as and when required during the academic year:

- Admissions
- Pupil Discipline
- Performance Management

The Committees list for 2015/16 is attached as Appendix 2.

### **Attendance Record of Governors**

Meetings have to be attended by a minimum number of governors to ensure that decisions are legally binding. The Governors' attendance record for 2015/16 is attached as Appendix 3.

## **Effectiveness of the Governing body**

Throughout the year the Governing body has focused on improving governance and continuing school improvement. In particular the Governing body has carried out the following activities:

### Governors Skills Audit

On appointment new Governors complete the National Governors' Association skills audit and their information is added to the skills matrix to ensure Governors with the right skills and expertise are recruited to the Governing body.

### Governing body Self-Evaluation

Governors have been working to complete actions from the Self-evaluation Action Plan, which is presented at Governing body meetings on a regular basis to ensure progress is being made.

### National Leader of Governance

The Chair became the first Secondary School Leader of Governance in the Borough in March 2016. National Leaders of Governance are highly effective Chairs who support other Chairs of Governors to improve the leadership and performance of their Governing bodies.

### Providing support to other schools and Governing bodies

The College formally supported a local high school throughout the academic year and both the Chair and another Governor were also involved in providing support to ensure progress was being made.

The Chair of Governors of a College in the Borough attended the December 2015 Governing body meeting to observe how an effective governing body worked, to help strengthen governance in his school.

### Production of a College Engagement and Communication Strategy

At its meeting on 3 December 2015 Governors helped to produce the College's Engagement and Communication Strategy. Against a changing education landscape two Governors are leading on producing an Action Plan which will be presented to the Governing body in Autumn term 2016.

### Establishment of a Working Group to look at the changing education landscape

With the publication of the Education White Paper in March 2016 the Governing body established a Working Group to better understand the academies agenda and to come up with a recommendation on the way forward for the College.

### Production of Committee Annual Reports

All Committee Chairs produced an Annual Report detailing the work of their Committee during the past year. The reports were published on the College's Governor section of the website.

### Governors section of the College's Website

The new section was launched in February 2016 and mandatory Governing body information was uploaded as well as items of good practice, information on the Governing body's core strategic functions and short biographies of each Governor.

### **Impact of the Governing body**

- Achieving national recognition of the Governing body's outstanding practice at the NGA Awards.
- Achieving national recognition of the Chair's effectiveness in becoming a National Leader of Governance.
- The College celebrated its best ever GCSE results with 70% of students gaining five or more A\*-C grades at GCSE including English and Maths, maintaining its position as one of the highest performing schools in the Borough.
- The Local Authority formally requested the College and Governing body's support for a local school to help improve standards and outcomes for its pupils.

### **Plans for next academic year**

- Continue to consider the impact of the Education White Paper and the Government's direction of travel regarding academisation and agree the best way forward for the College.
- Review the success of the work carried out with a local high school and its impact on the College.

### **How you can contact the Governing body**

We always welcome suggestions, feedback and ideas. Please contact the Clerk to the Governing body via email at: [jacqui@schoolclerk.co.uk](mailto:jacqui@schoolclerk.co.uk).

**CHURCHILL COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
GOVERNING BODY MEMBERSHIP FOR 2015/16**

<b>GOVERNOR</b>	<b>CATEGORY</b>
Mrs Tracey Booth (Chair of Governors)	Authority Governor
Mrs Alison Anderson	Co-opted Governor
Mrs Vivienne Buller (Vice Chair)	Co-opted Governor
Mr Adam Culyer	Co-opted Governor
Mr Marc Lennox	Co-opted Governor
Ms Maura Nixon	Co-opted Governor
Mrs Elaine Riley	Co-opted Governor
Ms Jacqui Walker	Co-opted Governor
Mrs Gill Wilson	Co-opted Governor
Mr Kevin Hood	Foundation (term of office ended on 13/06/16)
Mr Andrew Sugden	Foundation
Mr David Baldwin	Headteacher
Mrs Lindsey Adams	Parent
Mrs Lynn Brown	Parent
Mrs Lowri Clasper	Parent
Mrs Audrey Peebles	Parent (from 23/03/16 Co-opted Governor)
Ms Jennifer Bruce	Staff

**Associate Member**

Mrs Gillian Allen

**CHURCHILL COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
COMMITTEES LIST FOR 2015/16**

<p><b>Achievement Committee</b> <b>Chair - Kevin Hood</b> Alison Anderson Jennifer Bruce Elaine Riley Jacqui Walker Lindsey Adams Audrey Peebles David Baldwin Gillian Allen (Associate)</p>	<p><b>Finance and Staffing Committee</b> <b>Chair - Vivienne Buller</b> Jennifer Bruce Elaine Riley Lindsey Adams Lynn Brown Lowri Clasper David Baldwin Gillian Allen (Associate)</p>
<p><b>Teaching and Leadership Committee</b> <b>Chair - Andrew Sugden</b> Lowri Clasper Elaine Riley Jennifer Bruce Alison Anderson Viv Buller David Baldwin Gillian Allen (Associate)</p>	<p><b>Safeguarding and Facilities Committee</b> <b>Chair - Gill Wilson</b> Audrey Peebles Adam Culyer Marc Lennox David Baldwin Jennifer Bruce Gillian Allen (Associate)</p>
<p><b>Governance Steering Team</b> Chair of Governing body and Chairs of Committees</p>	<p><b>Admissions Committee</b> Audrey Peebles Tracey Booth Elaine Riley</p>
<p><b>Pupil Discipline Committee</b> Gill Wilson Audrey Peebles Vivienne Buller</p>	<p><b>Performance Management Committee</b> Alison Anderson Gill Wilson Kevin Hood <i>Vivienne Buller (Reserve if required)</i></p>

**CHURCHILL COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
GOVERNING BODY ATTENDANCE REGISTER FOR 2015/16**

NAME	CATEGORY	MEETING DATES:					
		Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
David Baldwin	Headteacher	√	√	√	√	√	√
Jennifer Bruce	Staff	√	√	√	√	√	√
Maura Nixon	Co-opted	√	AWA	AWA	AWA	ANA	ANA
Elaine Riley	Co-opted	√	√	√	√	√	√
Gill Wilson	Co-opted	AWA	√	√	AWA	√	√
Tracey Booth	Local Authority	√	√	√	√	√	AWA
Lindsey Adams	Parent	√	ANA	√	ANA	√	√
Lynn Brown	Parent	√	ANA	√	√	√	√
Lowri Clasper	Parent	√	√	√	√	√	√
Audrey Peebles	Parent	√	√	√	√	√	√
Jacqui Walker	Co-opted	√	√	AWA	√	√	√
Alison Anderson	Co-opted	√	√	√	√	√	√
Vivienne Buller	Co-opted	√	√	√	√	√	√
Adam Culyer	Co-opted	AWA	AWA	ANA	AWA	ANA	Resigned
Marc Lennox	Co-opted	√	√	√	√	AWA	√
Kevin Hood	Foundation	AWA	√	√	√	√	N/A
Andrew Sugden	Foundation	√	√	√	√	√	√

**Associate member – Gillian Allen (100% attendance)**

**KEY:** AWA = Absent with apologies, ANA = Absent no apologies

