

QUEEN ELIZABETH SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

Minutes of the meeting of the Curriculum and Standards Committee held on Thursday 12th September 2019

Present: Mr A Teague, Chair
Mr T Fisher, Principal
Ms J Barrett
Mrs J Hillyard
Mr C Kipling
Ms V Snowball
Mr C Wiper

Apologies: Mr S Heath
Tamara Marcelle
Htet Wunna

In attendance: Mrs T Amarawansa
Mr L Job
Mr I Waite
Mr S Dowson, Clerk

25/19 Declarations of interest
There were no declarations of interest.

26/19 Minutes of the previous meeting
The minutes of the meeting held on 10th June 2019 were **accepted** as a true record and **approved** for signing by the Chair.

27/19 Introduction
The Chair welcomed everyone to one of the most interesting meetings of the year. Sadly Mr Heath was unable to attend but the Chair had met with Mr Heath to receive Mr Heath's input.

The Chair explained that although the committee needed to concentrate on poor performance he wished to highlight what has been, overall, a great set of results

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The Chair congratulated Mr Fisher and all the staff involved in this year's excellent exam results.

College overall and subject performance data 2018-2019

Mr Waite explained that the papers gave the situation as of last Thursday (5th September) and there had been some remarks since then. Last year's benchmarks had been used so the

estimated overall position could move once this year's benchmark was known. However Mr Waite was confident that QE's L3VA and High Grades will be significantly above National Average again this year.

28/19 L2 results

Altogether a very strong set of results. The provision for GCSE English and Maths at QE ensures that students are able to progress. It is anticipated that QE's GCSE English and Maths results will be significantly above National Average again this year.

29/19 L3 Applied General and Vocational results

Again a very good outcome with no fails. When questioned about the provision of these qualifications, it was agreed that SMG are happy that the College is currently offering the correct mix of Applied General and Vocational Courses.

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30/19 Course Support and Course Monitoring

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31/19 Curriculum update and course enrollment summary 2019-2020

Mr Job said that there were 1,082 new students this year and thanks for the higher than expected number was due to numerous additional actions throughout the latter months of the academic year and to Janet Hillyard and her team, who had continued to recruit throughout the summer holiday.

As in previous years there were movements up and down in the number of students in each subject. Great care is taken to encourage students to choose subjects appropriate for them. Students are directed towards those subjects where there is a better chance that they should do well.

In response to a question about the future content of the curriculum, Mr Job stated that consideration was being given to introducing Criminology for 2020. Various factors must be taken into account including the possible impact on other subjects currently taught at QE.

32/19 Terms of reference

The terms of reference were reviewed and approved for a further period of 12 months

33/19 Confidentiality

Details of subject in course support/course monitor are to remain confidential.

34/19 Date of next meeting

Thursday 30 January 2020