



**MEETING OF THE QUALITY ASSURANCE COMMITTEE
FRIDAY 13th APRIL 2018, 9.30 AM – 11.00 AM
CRICKHOWELL HIGH SCHOOL**

MINUTES

Attendees / Non-attendees: Mr A. Fryer (AF), Mrs S. Farmer, Mrs J. Parker (JP), Mr S. Roberts (SR), Dr G. Williams (GW)

Name – denotes Governor not attending

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| 1.0 | Apologies for Absence Apologies were received from GW. | |
| 2.0 | Minutes of the Last Meeting / Matters Arising The minutes of the last meeting were accepted and any matters arising were dealt with under the relevant agenda item. | |
| 3.0 | Core Visit 2 The positive feedback from Core Visit 2 was outlined in addition to the preparations for the Estyn inspection due to be held on 23 rd April. There is ongoing work with regards to the amendments to the Assessment for Learning policy in line with the new curriculum requirements for Years 7 and 8, as well as Key Stages 4 and 5. The amended policy will be developed post-Estyn using the evidence collected on the training day on 9 th April, when Faculties looked at their specific requirements for assessment for learning. | |
| 4.0 | New Curriculum Changes for the Summer Term Following a number of Senedd meetings, it has been agreed with the SLT and the Governors that in the summer term of 2018 we will not go to a new timetable after Whitsun, but will instead do a project on 'saving the oceans', looking at plastic pollution with Years 7 and 8, but with a whole school approach. It was agreed this would give staff the opportunity to be more flexible and innovative in developing real life learning opportunities for our students, as this will involve working with the Marine Conservation Society, as well as visiting beaches to study beach ecology in Wales. During this six weeks following the half term break, all staff will also focus on their gained time to review the use of the big questions this year and map the Key Stage 4 3-year GCSE curriculum in line with the new qualifications framework. | |
| 5.0 | Reporting and Recording Go4Schools A new admin post has been advertised to facilitate much more effective use of Go4Schools, with a specialist member of the team. This will ensure our attendance and behaviour monitoring is more immediate and our tracking systems more robust. It will ensure we are able to give parents information more | |

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| | <p>quickly and regularly. There is a new app for parents being developed on Go4Schools, which should be out at the end of this month. We'll be looking to develop its use to potentially replace Show My Homework, by using the Go4Schools portal. We will maintain the Schoop communication app, which will be more cost effective and also provide better quality communication for parents. However, we will not be making the change to Go4Schools until we're convinced that the quality of service is better than Show My Homework.</p> | |
| 6.0 | <p>Targeted Predictions for 2018 - 2019</p> <p>Extensive work is ongoing for interventions and additional final revision for all staff, in a bid to maximize our success at GCSE and A level. This includes completion of Welsh Bacc. and Work Skills programmes, with additional revision sessions being offered by subject staff to Years 11, 12 and 13. There is currently a group of 20 student who are giving particular cause for concern, due to their lack of revision and appropriate positive attitude to their examinations. We have contacted their parents and are working closely with parents and students, but this may affect our overall results on L2+.</p> | |
| 7.0 | <p>QA Calendar Update</p> <p>All Faculty reviews have been conducted except Active & Creative Arts, which will be completed after the Whitsun half term break, due to the pressure of external examinations and rehearsals for practicals. Once all Faculty reviews have been completed, staff will have time in the last several weeks of this academic year to input the recommendations into their new Faculty plans for 2018 / 2019.</p> | |
| 8.0 | <p>Action Plan Update</p> <p>We have revised our School Improvement Plan in line with recommendations from QA reports during the year. We will look to formally review the action plan post-Estyn and post-examination results in August. However, in the period of the last half term of this academic year, the SLT will be reviewing the other sections of the School Improvement Plan and aligning this to the three year plan. There is significant concern about funding and resources from County for new classrooms and the new build, as well as the negative impact of the Fair Funding Formula, and this remains a growing area for additional work to seek a faster resolution to our funding problems. We're also looking at sponsorship and are writing to the Welsh Government to complain about the negative impact of the Fair Funding Formula on the school with a £348k sum, which would have been paid if we were being allocated funding on the number of students in Years 7 - 11.</p> | |
| 9.0 | <p>Inclusion</p> <p>We've been asked to take an ALN statemented student, who will be 16 in September, onto our school roll without any additional funding. We have informed Powys that we're unable to meet his needs without additional funding, but he lives in Crickhowell and we're being told that no other place is available to him. Discussions are ongoing.</p> <p>An appeal is being held for 8 families, who have requested a place in Year 7, which already has 146 students on roll. The appeals take place during the inspection week. We'll update Governors after the appeal has been heard.</p> | |

The meeting ended at 11.00 am.

