

Arthur Mellows Village College is a non-selective comprehensive Academy '*Delivering learning for life within an aspirational culture*' and the Local Governing Committee (LGC) plays an important part in ensuring this happens. Working with the Four Cs Multi Academy Trust (MAT) we monitor whether the College is working within agreed policies, is meeting the agreed targets and is managing its finances well.

We are an 'Outstanding' school, as judged by OFSTED in 2009 and 2014, and it is likely that we will be inspected this year, but in any case, before 2025. In 2018 we participated in the OFSTED research programme and during the spring term 2023, OFSTED reviewed how we implement the National Tutoring Programme.

Although schools are generally measured by examination results, it is the policy of the Governors to provide as rounded an educational experience as possible and we know it is equally important to recognise the achievements of our less academically able students as well as our top performers.

There are many opportunities to participate in team sports, music and the performing arts, trips and visits, and many other extra-curricular activities such as the Combined Cadet Force and the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme which are vital in the development of our young people.

The pandemic may appear to be in the distant past, but we acknowledge that many students are still playing 'catch up' and we will strive to deliver for our students especially the A Level and GCSE years. Support and guidance for our A Level students to secure University places of their choice has been a priority and likewise, encouragement to our successful GCSE students to progress to the Sixth Form which, has become the first choice of many students from other schools.

The LGC has two main areas of focus; Curriculum and Standards, and Students and Safeguarding; both these areas have separate committees chaired by Peter Jordan and Suzanne Jones.

We recognise that the environment in which everyone works is important and subject to the availability of further funding, the MAT will continue to develop the College Campus to maintain the high-quality facilities that have been achieved over the last number of years. Our dedicated Sixth Form Hub is one of the best centres in Peterborough and the new Key Stage 4 social space building, is another valuable asset.

I would like to pay tribute to Jonathan Oakley who stood back from his role as Head of College to assume a part-time role as Chief Finance Officer (CFO) of the Four Cs Trust. Jonathan had been with the College for 16 years, originally as the Deputy Headteacher and from 2021 to 2023 as Head of College. Shortly before his arrival in 2007 the College was inspected by Ofsted and rated 'satisfactory'. Jonathan not only played a major part in raising standards to 'outstanding', but also conversion to Academy status and the fantastic changes to the infrastructure and environment of the College.

In 2017 he took on a vital role in the development of the Four Cs Multi Academy Trust when AMVC and Fulbridge Academy, came together to improve the education of many other young people in Peterborough.

During his time at AMVC, Jonathan will have been responsible for around 5500 students, and I hope all those young people join me in wishing him every success in his new role and we give an enormous round of applause for all his hard work.

Finally, I would like to welcome John Gilligan who is now Head of College. John is no stranger to the College as he was a teacher here for a number of years before gaining vital leadership experience at other schools; most recently at Hampton College.

Inspired leadership, dedicated and talented staff, supportive parents and carers, and most importantly, hardworking students are the reasons behind our success and the LGC will endeavour to oversee that this continues.

Nigel Jennings  
Chair of Governors