

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.

Our main areas of focus are Curriculum and Standards, and Students and Safeguarding; both these areas have separate committees, and I am delighted to welcome Peter Jordan and Suzanne Jones as the new Chairs for each committee.

Three of our Governors, Paulina Ford, Paul Hannah and Sarah Humble are moving on after many years of loyal service, and I would like to acknowledge their commitment and hard work over the years.

I would also like to pay tribute to Jonathan Oakley on his first year as Head of College. His drive and leadership of the Senior Management Team has led to our continued success.

Schools are generally measured by examination results, but 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.

The last academic year has seen the resumption to more of a pre-pandemic era and we have strived 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.

It has also meant that opportunities have resumed 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 and we hope that these opportunities can continue to grow.

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 now fully open and has created one of the best centres in Peterborough. Other works have included a new Wellbeing Hub, a canopy for the Year 7 playground and planning permission for a Key Stage 4 building and lift work has been received.

AMVC was judged 'Outstanding' at our last two inspections in 2009 and 2014 and it is likely that we will be inspected this year but, in any case, before 2025. Having said that, in 2018 we participated in the OFSTED research programme that led to the release, in 2019, of the new Inspection Framework.

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

Nigel Jennings
LGC Chair