

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 OFSTED inspection will happen this academic year as we haven't been inspected since 2014 where we were judged 'Outstanding' for the second consecutive inspection. Since then, we have participated in the OFSTED research programme in 2018 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 our most recent project, the redesign and refurbishment of our reception, has enhanced the effectiveness and safeguarding of this area.

I would like to congratulate John Gilligan, Head Teacher who has influenced a number of changes and has had a successful first year leading our excellent team.

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  
LGC Chair  
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