

PRIESTNALL SCHOOL CURRICULUM AND STANDARDS SUB COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: 25th September 2017 Time: 5.00pm
Venue: The School

GOVERNORS PRESENT

Mr P. Page (Chair), , Mr J. Cregg (Headteacher), Mrs D. Smith, Mr. K. Thompson
Mr J. Patton, Mrs L. Crompton Mrs S. Mansfield,

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr T. Clarey, Associate Member (Deputy Headteacher)
Mr R Jones Associate Member (Deputy Headteacher)
Mrs G, Stephens Minutes

APOLOGIES RECEIVED

Cllr C. Foster, Mr. M Young, Mr D. Smith, Mr G. Morewood

1. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Approved as a true record

2. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising

3. SUMMER 2017 EXAM RESULTS

Tim Clarey presented an overview of the Summer 2017 exam results and the power point presentation is attached with these minutes.

Tim firstly explained how the new landscape produced a mixed economy of results – 9-1 for English and Maths and A*-G for all other subjects. This together with the revised underlying point scores for A* - G grades (changed from 2016) made year-on-year comparison at whole school level more difficult.

Tim went on to remind governors of the new grading system in that 7+ is equivalent to A/A* and 4+ is equivalent to A*-C. 4 being a standard pass and 5 a strong pass.

Priestnall was 4th in Stockport- Stockport was 2nd overall out of 10 boroughs and our results contributed to this success.

Priestnall figures also look good compared to the national results with English Language, Literature and Maths significantly above the national average.

The school also had 4 students who achieved at grade 9 which shows that these very high grades can be achieved.

Q Were there any re-marks?

Yes but no real significant shift.

Q Will maths have a single entry soon?

Unlikely, due to the range of topics and demands for the subject.

Q Were there any surprises in the results?

No, more or less in line with our expectations however the new landscape made this more difficult to assess. Feedback from English and Maths staff suggests that on the whole the

papers appeared more demanding but fair in that the questions were scaffolded to build confidence.

Accountability measures are based on:

- Basics – English & Maths at 5+
- Ebacc: % entry and achievement at 5+
- Attainment 8
- Progress 8

Basics - English & Maths at 7+ (A/A*) was 13% (19.9% in 2016)
English & Maths at 5+ was 50% (no comparative data available from 2016)
English and Maths at 4+ (A-C) was 74.8% (81.7% 2016)

E-Bacc – Entries 58.8 compared to 66.8 in 2016
Ebacc Strong Pass was 31.5 (no comparative data available)
Ebacc Standard Pass was 34.9 compared to 49.5 in 2016

Attainment 8/Progress 8

Average total A8 was 51.28%
Average Grade A8 5/13
Av Est A8 49.71 9 (From Sisra collaboration)
Av Progress 8 +0.19

Attainment is simply calculated with the estimate coming from the DfE. SISRA collaboration will generate a decent estimate.

Overall there were no significant issues results just down a bit in several areas and this was disappointing. It was felt that it was an aggregation of marginal losses.

Closing the Gap

It is difficult to make year on year comparisons, however, despite the school's best efforts, the gap is not closing and the school will continue to make this a priority and put in continued effort and strategies to address this.

Summary

There were some tremendous individual successes which show a lot of hard work. The overall results are below par, but nothing disastrous. There are pockets of underachievement and insufficient progress and the Pupil Premium gap is not closing. Overall refinement, not revolution is required to provide consistency of standards and expectations.

General discussion took place on how we could gather feedback from students and parents/carers about their exams experience and it was felt that the Parental Forum may be a starting point to discuss this.

ACTION: JPC to discuss with JAE.

4. Draft Programme of Agenda Items for 2017-2018

The draft programme is attached to these minutes

Meeting closed at 6.35pm

Next Meeting Monday 6th November 2017 5pm