

REPORT OF GOVERNOR'S VISIT TO LAKESIDE SCHOOL

Governor's name: Di Chamberlain

Person(s) visited: Wendy Higgins, Careers/Transition lead

Date of visit: 11 February 2020

Length of visit: 1 hour

Purpose of visit:

- Update on Yr11 transition arrangements and career pathways
- Work within guidelines for secondary school governors prepared by The Careers & Enterprise Company (given to DC at December 2019 Parents Evening by Hampshire Careers Advisor attached to Lakeside).
 - It is not a requirement, however, it is recommended that schools appoint a Link Governor for careers. The Link Governor should take a strategic interest in careers education and guidance and encourage employer engagement for careers. They should be ensuring that the school, as a minimum, meets its statutory requirements for the provision of work-related learning and employer engagement for all its students. The Link Governor for careers is also encouraged to ensure that the school is constantly reviewing its practice and implementing the Gatsby Benchmarks across the school.

Summary of experiences:

- All Yr11s attending school currently in line for college placements, although placements for 2 live learners still to be confirmed
- WH supporting parents in the process, also undertaking the applications herself on behalf of the parents/careers when asked to do so
- JS/MW,WH working with Hampshire Achievers with Yrs 10 and 11 – possible lead to supported internships
- Yrs7-9 developing written plans from work in PSHE lessons linked with careers and life skills discussions
- WH and Amanda from Hampshire Futures work with Yr9s via at least 2 interviews – discussions becoming more formal
- Work with Yr10s leading up to additional interviews with Amanda in Yr11
- Of last year's Yr11s - 1 cannot be contacted (?moved), 1 dropped out (JS following-up), one lost first placement but still at college
- A couple of Yr11 students currently have work placements
- WH needs to send out regular letters reminding parents about college visits and applications, as they don't always take responsibility. Lakeside will take students on visits if parents unable/unwilling
- Next Steps interviews are started year 9-10 for first and second year 10-11. During this time WH checks with pupils at regular intervals if any changes to their future placements, advise re open days, confirm visit and interviews. Parents and carers are encouraged to take a lead with this but if unable or unwilling WH or other staff including house staff will support instead, once they have had an interview ,WH get pupils to confirm when place (or places) offered

Information or issues arising for consideration by governors:

How can Lakeside reduce parental negativity and help parents engage more positively and actively in the young person's life after Lakeside?

Plans for further action/meetings:

- DC to meet with WH in summer term for updating re transition situation
- DC to go through Gatsby Benchmarks with WH to improve governor understanding of requirements
- WH to progress training around transitions for autistic pupils from school into college
- WH to progress increased timetable slots for careers/transition work

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