

Governing Body Bulletin

End of Term Report - Autumn 2006

The Governors are keen to keep parents, staff and students up to date with the decisions we have taken and the issues we plan to consider in the near future. We decided the best way to do this was to publish a termly bulletin about our work.

We hope you will send us your comments as a way of letting us know your views.

In the **autumn term** we agreed:

- to appoint **John Emeny** as the second deputy head teacher at the school. John took up his post at the start of the spring term.
- the **school self-evaluation form**, which lists the school's strengths and areas for development. We will use the information in the form to monitor progress against the areas for development. The form is also used by inspectors to assess the judgements we have made when they visit the school.
- the following **End of Key Stage 3 and GCSE attainment targets** for 2008:

End of Key Stage 3 (achieving Level 5 or above)		GCSE	
English	84%	5 + at grades A* to C	62%
Maths	82%	5 + at grades A* to C (inc. English & Maths)	51%
Science	79%	5 + at grades A* to G	95%

- to change the roll of the policy committee so that it also monitors educational standards. It will now be called the **Standards and Policy Committee**
- policies on **race equality and work related learning**

We also received a detailed report on the **2006 GCSE and End of Key Stage 3** examination results and meet with heads of faculties to discuss the results in their areas and their plans for the current academic year. The recurring theme here was the **underachievement of boys** and the Standards and Policy Committee will monitor the school's progress in this area.

During the term we welcomed **Gary Paxton** as a new community governor and we said thank you and goodbye to **Margaret Elliott** who was a parent governor. We will be holding an election during the term to fill this vacancy.

This term we will be working with the school council to review the **school's summer uniform**. We will also be ensuring that our financial standards are of the highest order when we are externally assessed for the **Financial Management Standard in Schools**, as well as and taking

forward our discussions to form a **partnership** with Abbs Cross, Brittons and The Chafford School.

If you would like more information about the work of the governing body, or if you have identified any areas that you would like us to consider, then please email governors@sandersdraper.org.uk or write to me at the care of the school.

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Chair of Governors