

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Corporation
held on Thursday 13th September 2018 at 8.00am
in the Boardroom of Matthew Boulton Campus**

Present:	Apologies:
Steve Hollis (SH) (Chair)	Deborah Edmonds (DE)
Veronica Docherty (VD)	Cliff Hall (CH)
Andrew Cleaves (Principal)	
Joel Blake (JB)	
Simon Thompson (ST)	
Hilary Smyth-Allen (HA)	
Dan Zastawny (DZ)	
Michele Larmour (ML) (by phone)	
Amardeep Gill (AG)	
Keith Horton (KH)	
Angela Myers (AM)	
Michael Nnabugo (MN) (student governor)	
Daniel Millington (DM) (student governor)	
Jane Smith (JS) (Staff Governor)	
Sam Coles (SC) (Staff Governor)	
In Attendance:	
Louise Jones (LJ)	
Liam Nevin (LN)	
Simon Cosson (SC)	

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Deborah Edmonds and Cliff Hall

Declarations of Interest and Matters Arising

No declarations were received in addition to those contained in the register.

SH welcomed Michael Nnabugo, Daniel Millington, and Sam Coles to their first meeting.

Item 1 – Open and Confidential Minutes of the Meeting of 12 July 2018

The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Item 2 – Teaching and Learning

(i) Overview of Academic Results 17/18: A Levels and A/S Level Results

LJ summarised the paper and acknowledged that consideration needed to be given to the inaccuracies in forecasting and the disappointing A/S results.

A levels had been forecast to drop by 8% and the outturn position was much better than had been anticipated. The reason for this was predominantly because JCQ had reduced pass rates in the moderation carried out over the summer. However, the A level achievement rate and pass rate were both good and there was a sustained improvement trend.

A/S level results presented a more complex picture. The March forecast was 74% based on assessments up to that point. However, in view of her concerns about the rigour of assessments

KH stated that the Corporation needed to consider these issues in more depth prior to the next scheduled Academic Standards Committee and the Principal advised that a session was programmed into the Strategy Day in October to address that.

(ii) GCSE Results

LJ summarised that GCSE Maths and English had increased achievement rates to 85.2% which was well above the national rate. The position with high grades was more mixed; 16-18 Maths had fallen to 15.2% which was below national rate but adult Maths had risen to 41.4% which was above national rate. In relation to English, 16-18 had dropped but remained above the national rate and English for adults remained the same at 38.2% which was still below national rate.

Accordingly it was

RESOLVED

- **That the overview of academic results for 17/18 be noted**

(iii) Overview of Academic Results 17/18 Harborne Academy

LN summarised the report and advised the Corporation that the Academy GCSE results were again impressive outcomes in all areas except for open progress. These results would be considered further by the Academic Standards Committee at their next meeting.

Accordingly it was

RESOLVED

- **That the overview of results for Harborne Academy be noted**

(iv) Enrolment 18/19

LJ circulated an updated recruitment report accurate as of the close of September 10th. She advised the Corporation that, overall for 16-18 recruitment, the College was slightly behind the comparable 17/18 position. However, approximately 500 more students were in College compared to 17/18 because attendance was substantially higher.

The main concern at this point was that HE enrolment was down and that it was unlikely that the College would reach its target.

Note- the remainder of this item is contained in a confidential minute

(v) Post Inspection Action Plan

It was noted that this was substantially the same as the update discussed at the July Corporation meeting. LJ advised that the material points to note since this review were that Access to HE Provision was showing achievement rates that were likely to be at national rate, and which demonstrated more significant progress than had been expected. In addition, six teachers had left over the summer period who had been subject to performance management measures.

Accordingly it was

RESOLVED

- **That the report be noted**

Item 3 – Business Review/Performance Report

This item is recorded in a confidential minute