

It is now some two years since the formation of the Local Governing Committee (LGC). We are the eyes and ears of the Multi Academy Trust (MAT) and we monitor whether the College is working within agreed policies, is meeting the agreed targets and is managing its finances well. Our main areas of focus are Curriculum and Standards, and Students and Safeguarding; both these areas have separate committees which are chaired by Paulina Ford and Sarah Humble

Arthur Mellows is a non-selective comprehensive Academy and we know it is equally important to recognise the achievements of our less academically able students as well as our top performers.

This summer has again produced some outstanding exam results, especially at A level where we have surpassed our expectations. Many of our A level students have secured University places of their choice to study a range of subjects and this year; three students have gone onto Oxbridge with five further students studying medicine. Successful GCSE students have progressed to the Sixth Form where they will be joined by students from other local schools who, because of the wide range of subjects on offer at A Level, have chosen the College for their final two years.

The success of a school is generally measured by examination results but it is the policy of the Governors to provide as rounded an educational experience as possible. This means that opportunities are available to participate in team sports, music and the performing arts, trips and visits and many other extra-curricular activities. A particular strength is our students' involvement in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme; we are the largest out of 16 centres which run the Duke of Edinburgh programme in Peterborough. We take great pride in the successes achieved in these activities as well as their academic endeavours.

Last year the College launched the Combined Cadet Force; a voluntary youth organisation which has provide another fantastic opportunity for students to develop outside the classroom and that has gone from strength to strength.

We recognise that the environment in which everyone works is important and subject to the availability of further funding, the Multi-Academy Trust (MAT) will continue to develop the College campus to maintain the high quality facilities that have been achieved over the last number of years. We are currently in the planning stages for a dedicated Sixth Form centre which, if all goes to plan, should see completion in 2021.

Our last two OFSTED inspections in November 2009 and December 2014 were both judged as 'Outstanding'. With inspired leadership, dedicated and talented staff, supportive parents and carers, and hardworking students, the LGC will endeavour to oversee that the success of the College continues.

Nigel Jennings  
LGC Chair