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Link Governor	Kathryn Korcz		
Faculty / Member of staff Visited	Creative and Expressive Arts	Date	12.12.12
Purpose of Visit	To meet Mr Plant and learn about the department		
Question asked	Where is the department in school?		
Response Mr Plant took me on a tour of the various rooms used around the site for P.E, Music, Art and Drama. P.E theory lessons are taught in a portacabin at the other end of the site from the sports hall. Drama still uses an old portacabin although there is another teaching room which I saw in use.			
Question asked	How many staff work in the creative and Expressive Arts faculty?		
Response During my tour I had an opportunity to meet a number of staff who work within this department. Some are part time. 5 staff in P.E (including 1 NQT) 5 staff in Art (2 part time). I saw 2 full time music staff and one member of the drama department.			
Question asked	How popular is Art at GCSE and A level?		
Response About 70 students for GCSE and about 20 for A level			
Question asked	How well do the students achieve?		
Response At A level results have been good and consistent with about 45% achieving A and A* in 2012 There were some disappointing results and GCSE level last year. 50% A and A* in 2012, down from 73% in 2011 and 61% in 2010. However this has been reviewed carefullyand the department is changing exam boards at GCSE level next year.			
Question asked	How is student progress tracked and teaching monitored?		
Response Mr Plant showed me impressive regular reports that are fed to the senior management team. There is termly tracking, bi termly meetings with Mrs Andrews, learning walks within the faculty and Pop ins by the senior management team. There is excellent support and challenge from the senior management team. There are also student questionnaires.			

How did the visit go? What did you learn? What were your impressions?

I was made to feel extremely welcome by Mr Plant and by the staff within the department. He was able to provide me with a considerable amount of time and was extremely courteous and helpful.
The department appeared happy and thriving . P.E has settled after a turbulent period. It is an exciting time, looking forward to the possibility of a new building and the staff hope to be involved as soon as plans are made. There is a need for more space. At present for example the photography students would like to be able to find a computer within the department rather than somewhere around the school.
I found the Head of the faculty to be very positive about the changes that have been made within school in recent years led by Mr Burks and the senior management team.
It is always a pleasure to visit KGGS. From the moment I arrived, I found all the students and staff delightful and helpful; and although I am no expert, I am always very impressed by the standard of artwork when I visit the school. It is wonderful to see this celebrated with beautifully framed work around the school. Equally the standard within the music department is clearly very high as recent concerts I have attended have been outstanding.
There are many talented students at KGGS and from what I have seen today within the Creative and Expressive Arts Faculty. Everyone is working very hard to allow them to make the best of their talents.

Kathryn Korcz 12.12.12

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