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Link Governor	Diane Watson		
Faculty / Member of staff Visited	Romana Kealy	Date	18/11/2016
Purpose of Visit	Routine Link Visit		
Question asked	How has the Faculty responded to curriculum changes?		
Response The Faculty has responded well. The post-results administration was all finished in October rather than the usual November. AS Level went really well with satisfactory A/B grades and few borderlines. GCSE and full A Level changes will involve a lot of preparation for the new assessment criteria. Staff are feeling their way and producing support resources. Generally all are more confident now. The bank of shared examination based e- resources are working well. These are also shared with students to allow self-assessment.			
Question asked	How have English colleagues responded?		
Response New colleagues appear to have settled down well. There has been a lot of anxiety with the tsunami of change at KS2/3 in English. There has been more collaboration over the sharing of resources and ideas as well as informal mentoring. This seems to be going a long way to reassuring staff and reducing anxiety. No more new members of staff are anticipated in the near future so things should bed down. One colleague went part-time in September and a senior member of staff will be retiring at the end of the year. Cover is being provided.			
Question asked	How have students responded to the changes?		
Response The new exam structure is a challenge but they are adapting and really enjoying the texts. They enjoy learning how to tackle the exam questions, which seem more straightforward. We appear to have allayed anxieties over closed text exams and it has been a relief for them not to have the millstone of course work which has been a grind all the way.			
Question asked	What issues are facing you now and in the near future?		
Response In the next 6 months I anticipate bring in everything together as the dust settles on the new specifications. I hope we will have time as a team to review how the changes have gone and create more sharing. The recent school wide Inset Training Day, organised by Anna Knott in October, was really beneficial with time out to get together and share ideas and have a conversation. The resources Zoe Anderson produced for Romeo & Juliet were really useful and helped us focus on the students' needs. More opportunity for this would be great as we don't really have a lot of Faculty Meetings.			
Question asked	In what ways might I be involved in the Faculty and offer support?		

Response

Romana invited me to join Year 7 for Matilda at The Cambridge Theatre in London in February. This is offered each year for cultural enrichment. Many students have not been to live theatre before. She also invited me to join Year 9 at the Theatre Royal in Nottingham for The Woman in Black by Susan Hill, also in February. I elected to join the Nottingham outing. I will also arrange a class visit in the Spring Term.

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

Another interesting discussion and welcome invitations to participate with the students in their learning.

Please continue overleaf

_____Diane Watson_____

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