

KGGS Governors visit form. Please complete and return to the clerk to governors

Link Governor	Kathryn Korcz		
Faculty / Member of staff Visited	Ailsa Lines Head of Maths	Date	7.12.11
Purpose of Visit	To meet Head of Maths, and ask questions about department.		
Question asked	How well do students achieve? How do you know? Anything restricting achievement? Do students achieve full potential?		
Response	Students achieve well. Data produced and monitored by department termly. Any department can always do better and priority at present is to make A level teaching more dynamic. It is a popular subject at A level and attracts a spread of ability.		
Question asked	What are you trying to develop within your faculty?		
Response	Include additional maths, rather than statistics in Y11. Concerned about results for current Y11 as AQA exam has changed and this needs to be monitored. Also now defined assessment weeks in school. Students in KS3 rewarded with merits for improving sub levels, which lead to house points. Now, 5 assessments plus exam in each year.		
Question asked	Are there any staffing issues?		
Response	An NQT is being well supported and where there have been issues, such as the regular assessments being completed, this has been addressed with the introduction of assessment weeks.		
Question asked	How do you monitor quality within the department?		
Response	There is a faculty plan. Results from assessment weeks are analysed. Any problems with behaviour are addressed, and targets are set for students which hopefully result in a change of behaviour. This is carefully monitored by Head of department.		
Question asked	Is there anything you want to share with governors and is there any way we can help?		
Response	The maths classrooms are small for the number of students and in need of decoration and new furniture. One room had been refurbished and looked superb.		
How did the visit go? What did you learn? What were your impressions? I was made to feel very welcome by Ailsa Lines who was happy to talk about the maths department and her vision for the future. I had a tour of the maths rooms where students were engaged, learning and as always, delightful to talk to. It was wonderful to talk to a teacher, passionate about her job and full of energy and enthusiasm for the department and KGGS. I learnt that teachers within the department spend a great deal of their time looking at the results			

and discussing interesting and vibrant ways of delivering the curriculum, outside their teaching commitments.

I felt that some classrooms would benefit from a magnolia wash of paint and new furniture when the budget allows. This would make the rooms more pleasant for students and staff.

I left inspired with a few tips to bring back to my own school!

Thank you
Kathryn Korcz

Signed _____

Date 7th December 2011