

## Sale High School Chair of Governors' Annual Report

Summer 2016

Our ambition at Sale High School is to become an outstanding school following the last positive Ofsted report of June 2015. We took a very large stride towards this objective with the examination results this summer. Our GCSE results of June 2016 were the best that the school has achieved in its history and as Chair of Governors I would like to congratulate the students on their achievements and the staff and senior leadership team for their continued dedication. Staff at Sale High School are committed to achieve the best for its students and are always there to guide, assist and encourage students in their ambitions. We were particularly pleased to see disadvantaged students who nationally lag behind their peers doing extremely well at Sale High School.

The governors continue to work with the school through regular visits and attendance at events, as well as meeting the senior leadership team throughout the year. Governors are here to guide the school, monitor how it is progressing on development plans and ensure that all stakeholders are represented and kept informed about the school in the community. We are also there to hold the Head teacher and senior staff to account for how the school is managed. We are not there to manage the school on a day to day basis but to make sure that it is well led. There is a relentless focus on improvement from student starting points and the quality of teaching and learning. Governors have seen for themselves this improvement during their visits.

The school of course does not work or exist in isolation from both national and regional pressures. Government direction of the education service always poses challenges to schools and one of the issues this year has been whether all schools should become a member of a Multi-Academy Trust (MAT). There has been much discussion and debate between governors and the senior leadership team on the pros and cons of joining other schools, whether to form a new MAT or join an existing MAT. This debate will continue this year and parents will of course be consulted before a final decision is made. We also focus on opportunities for students once they have left Sale High School as qualifications need to lead to good life chances beyond school and in the world of work. Our Connexions Advisor and other support services help students make the transition and governors are keen to see how this is achieved each year.

Safety of all students is our number one concern and our safeguarding policies and the focused actions by everyone means that students can learn in safe surroundings. Ofsted recognised the strengths of Sale High School in this area. We continue to develop robust systems and processes.

Finally, I would like to wish all students who left Sale High School in 2016 the best of fortune and I hope that you all achieve your ambitions in life. I also hope that you do not forget the school and teachers who supported you and you will visit in the future to let us know how you are getting on.

On behalf of myself and my fellow governors, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members of the school community, students and parents who made this year an outstanding one. Let's hope 2016/17 will be another year to be proud of.

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