

Chair`s annual report 2019

First of all, I would like to welcome all our new students and their parents/carers in their first year at Sale High School this September. You have joined a very happy and hardworking school. The Headteacher and staff are firm believers in academic, social and emotional success for everyone. We all hope that you are successful throughout your school life and fulfill your ambitions both in the long and short term.

Last year saw, once again, a successful achievement by many of our students. Whilst the overall achievement in year 11 did not match the previous year, we were satisfied with the outcome and, this of course gives everyone, including governors, the drive, belief and commitment to make future years even better.

Governors always scrutinise the outcomes of examination achievement in some detail over a number of meetings and last year is no exception. The school always provides us with extremely detailed information and data and our senior staff are there to help interpret and predict outcomes throughout the year. We are supported in our work excellently by the headteacher and senior leadership team and this exemplifies their commitment to the school in whatever they do. Many of the students will recognise a school mantra...`We want everyone to be the best version of themselves every day` and this is certainly borne out with staff who are always willing to listen and provide us information we need to govern the school. So my first thanks in this report goes to our staff who are always committed to student success, support us in governor work and strive to push everyone to be their best during their time with us.

I would also like to thank Jayne O`Grady, our Headteacher who is unstinting in her commitment to the school. Jayne works tirelessly on our behalf and is always looking to create and develop new improvements, which will take the school even further on its road to `Outstanding. `

There was a scheduled Ofsted inspection in June 2019. We are still pursuing the grade of `Outstanding` as Ofsted still rate the school as being `Good`. There is much to celebrate about the outcome and of course, we always use the inspection as being free consultation on our areas for development. A plan is already in place for our next scheduled one in around three years` time.

Governors have also spent time on a whole range of issues including school finances, which have been an area for development this last few years. I`m happy to report that they have improved markedly this year, some of the reason being the very prudent management of resources and the much needed and appreciated increase of students on roll. We are very pleased that more local parents are happy for their children to come to Sale High as their local high school and do hope that this will continue to increase over the coming years.

Governors also focused on the school premises, which require substantial funds to rectify many years of reduced funding. Latterly we do have some hopes that at least some external finances will be forthcoming and we will apply for extra financial resources regionally and nationally.

I did report last year that we were still considering forming a Multi Academy Trust with another local school. This was finally debated late in the last academic year and governors decided that it would not be in the school`s interest at the current time to pursue this. We are strong enough to continue our current status and look forward to increasing that strength through extra students in the future.

I would like to thank my fellow governors for their commitment to the school and giving up their time to deal with all aspects of the school in some detail. As always, we did say goodbye to some governors and we thank them for their work and welcome our new governors who will, I think, help to strengthen the Governing Body.

Finally can I thank all the students who have left our school and wish them well in the future. We do want to thank them for their contribution to School life, wish them bon voyage and all the best in their chosen careers. We hope they will return and tell us about their successes!

Graham Luccock
Chair of Governors