

Chair`s Annual report 2020/21

As Chair of Sale High School Full Governing Body I am pleased to present the governors` annual report for the academic year 2020/21. As everyone is acutely aware, the last year has been extremely challenging for all the School community. However, we as governors are proud of the achievements of our staff and students alike along with parents and carers who supported students so well. The academic achievements at the end of the year speak for themselves as they are one of the best set of results for our year 11 students in a long time.

Governors as always have consistently kept themselves up to date with the School activities, mainly through virtual means last year and have supported and challenged our staff appropriately through link visits to departments as well as through the scheduled regular meetings.

The Headteacher has been a regular and very reliable source of information and advice to Governors on both strategic and operational matters despite the burden on her and senior staff which seemed to increased tenfold in dealing with safeguarding and academic issues caused by the pandemic. As always, she and her colleagues have been magnificent in their calm, assured and committed ways to protect all and ensure education continues to be of the highest standard in the School.

Students have had a very difficult and disruptive year, often not knowing from day to day whether they would be allowed into School and what would meet them when they arrived. Everyone has been in uncharted territory but it is so pleasing to report that behavior was outstanding and commitment to work by the overwhelming majority was there, both in School and at home on the `dreaded Zoom`.

A special word about our staff in whatever they do at School. Their commitment and fortitude has been exemplary in the last year, despite the tension and constant worry about their own physical and mental health and for the students` wellbeing. They have really gone the extra mile and we salute them for all their efforts.

On a more slightly negative note, the state of the School buildings still give cause for concern. As governors, we are fully aware of the problems and we are working with the Headteacher who is leading on the exploration of all avenues to improve the situation. Due to our increased intake of students in the last few years we are in a better position financially. We hope to build on that through a potential land sale and further financial support from Trafford Council. This funding will go towards a much needed improvement to our buildings and facilities- benefitting students and the community. Unfortunately it won`t be enough to rebuild the School but it will make a huge difference to the quality of the environment. We will, of course, keep pressing both national and local politicians for support in our efforts to improve our School.

My thanks as always goes to everyone associated with the School. Parents, carers, staff and students all played their very real part last year. Our students are resilient and I would particularly like to wish those in Year 11 who left us in July all the very best. WE all hope you have a worthwhile career and a happy and healthy life ahead

of you. Please don't forget us at Sale High School and we will welcome you back as our alumni to support current and future students

Graham Luccock

Chair, Governing Body