



**Curriculum Committee Meeting**  
**Thursday, 30 April 2020 at 5.30 pm**  
**Via VIDEOCONFERENCE**

**Chair: Nick REGAN**

**MINUTES**

**Present:**

Nick REGAN (*Chair*) - **NR**  
Steven Mackay (*Headteacher*) - **SMK**  
Tahir Darr - **TD**  
Michelle O'Doherty – **MOD**  
Verity Lewis - **VL**  
Dunac Giles - **DG**

**In attendance:**

Jonathan Reeves (*Deputy Head*)  
Jeremy Kaye (*Clerk*)

|    | <b>Item</b>   | <b>Action</b> |
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| 1. | <b>Welcome and Introductions</b><br>The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance.   | Chair         |
| 2. | <b>Procedural items</b><br><br><b>2.1 Apologies</b><br>An apology was recorded from SWe<br><br><b>2.2 Confirmation of Quorum</b><br>It was agreed that the meeting was quorate<br><br><b>2.3 Declarations of Interests</b><br>None were notified<br><br><b>2.4 Notification of Any Other Urgent Business</b><br>None were requested or agreed | Chair         |
| 3. | <b>The minutes of the last Curriculum meeting on 9 January 2020</b><br><br><b>3.1</b> The minutes were <b>APPROVED</b> and will be signed   | Chair         |

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**1** Please send apologies to the Clerk: [jeremy.kaye@judicuium.com](mailto:jeremy.kaye@judicuium.com)

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|    | <p><b>3.2 Matters arising from the minutes</b></p> <p><b>Item 7 – COMPLETED</b><br/> <b>Item 8 – CARRIED FORWARD</b></p>  | Chair |
| 4. | <p><b>GCSE / A level awards</b></p> <p>It was explained that a document had been uploaded to GH to explain and JR ran through the process. SMK explained the guidance to staff.</p> <p><b>GCSE's</b><br/> The grading was discussed and whilst the school was expecting an improvement in grades this was unlikely to show in the final results due to way the grading would be done this year. We will submit what we feel should have been achieved but pupils may well not get those grades. Statistical models will be used. SMK said this may sound unfair but this is the way it is. It was discussed that these grades were not for discussion and could not be changed unless the pupil sat an exam in the Autumn.</p> <p><b>Q: NR:</b> Was there any plan for tuition for pupils wishing to sit exams in the Autumn?<br/> <b>A: SMK:</b> No.</p> <p><b>Q: DG:</b> How is the faculty dealing with these issues?<br/> A: JR: Explained rankings. Teachers were all onside and their input, and how the ranking will work.</p> <p><b>Q: NR:</b> Is it reasonable and can it be done?<br/> <b>A: JR:</b> Yes, the ranking can be done, the grading will be more difficult.</p> <p><b>Q: DG:</b> Are you expecting parental pressure?<br/> <b>A: JR:</b> Yes, results day will be challenging and there will be anger and frustration.</p> <p>There was a discussion around exam malpractice around grades.</p> <p>SMK explained that the system and the government just do not allow flexibility. UCAS applications were explained and he said that universities would have to take a flexible approach.</p> <p>It was discussed that A level results where the school was not expected to have made such good improvement was likely to be more as expected. The same system will be used and we will do 'OK'.</p> |       |

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|      | It was <b>AGREED</b> that school tables going forward would be unusable.  |  |
| 5&6. | <p>Items 5 (<b>Home &amp; in-school learning since closedown</b>) and item 6 (<b>Learning &amp; Teaching post Easter holiday</b>) were taken together</p> <p>A summary of what had been done on the curriculum post Easter was given by SMK. Marking and feedback have been introduced to show work is valued.</p> <p>We use online teaching in principle but device access is an issue.</p> <p>SMK explained the workload of young teachers with families.</p> <p><b>Q: TD:</b> For maths does each teacher record a 15 minute lesson as a resource for if a student needs to access?</p> <p><b>A: SMK:</b> Yes, this is done in some subjects</p> <p>There are 15 pupils in school, 9 vulnerable and the balance key worker.</p> <p>There was a discussion around scheduling of work, printed papers, postal work, online students and how these are all accessed.</p> <p>Homework was discussed and how compliance varied by year group.</p> <p>TD accepted the role of eLearning governor.</p> <p>SMK explained the survey on re-opening schools.</p> |  |
| 7.   | <b>Any other URGENT Business</b> (as previously agreed in item 2.4)<br>There was no AOB   |  |
| 12.  | <b>The date of the next meeting was agreed as THURSDAY 2 JULY</b>   |  |

**Signed on:**

**By:**