	Minutes of the Full Governin	ng Body Meeting of Lady Margaret	School	Date/time: 5 th October 2022, 6.00pm
Present:	Ms Delrita Agyapong Prof Saeema Ahmed-Kristensen Mr William Downs Mr James Ewins Ms Kate Foulds Mrs Severine Gould	Mrs Arabella MacIntyre Mr Nigel Parker Revd Penny Seabrook (Chair) Mr Paul Sloan Ms Elisabeth Stevenson, Headteacher	In attendance:	Mrs Wendy Gainham, Clerk to Governors Ms Nicola Lupton, Deputy Headteacher Mrs Sarah Webber, Deputy Headteacher

Revd Penny Seabrook opened the meeting with a prayer at 6.05pm

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1.	Apologies for absence				
	1.1	Apologies had been received from Mr Justin Bairamian, Mrs Maxine Boersma, Mrs Marianne Coates, Mr William Hunter, Mrs Sarah Peart, Mrs Louisa Smith, Ms Rea Zhubi and Miss Charlotte Walton. Permission for absence was granted. Mr Choong Kwan was absent.			
2.	Election	n of Chair of the Governing Body for 2022-2023			
	2.1	The Clerk had requested nominations for the position of Chair of the Governing Body by 18 th July 2022.			
	2.2	The Clerk confirmed the meeting was quorate and that one nomination had been received for Revd Penny Seabrook.			
	2.3	In the absence of any other nominations, the Clerk confirmed that Revd Penny Seabrook was the elected Chair of Lady Margaret School Governing Body for a period of one year, until the first Full Governing Body meeting of the 2023-2024 academic year.			

3.	Election	of Vice Chair of the Governing Body for 2022-2023		
	3.1	The Clerk had requested nominations for the position of Vice Chair of the Governing Body by 18^{th} July 2022.		
	3.2	The Clerk confirmed that the current Vice Chair, Mr Justin Bairamian, wished to step down. Three nominations had been received for Mrs Arabella MacIntyre.		
	3.3	In the absence of any other nominations, the Clerk confirmed Mrs Arabella MacIntyre was the elected Vice Chair of Lady Margaret School Governing Body for a period of one year, until the first Full Governing Body meeting of the 2023-2024 academic year.		
4.	Election	of Deputy Vice Chair of the Governing Body for 2022-2023		
	4.1	The Clerk had requested nominations for the position of Deputy Vice Chair of the Governing Body by 18 th July 2022.		
	4.2	The Clerk confirmed that two nominations had been received for Mrs Sarah Peart.		
	4.3	In the absence of any other nominations, the Clerk confirmed Mrs Sarah Peart was the elected Deputy Vice Chair of Lady Margaret School Governing Body for a period of one year, until the first Full Governing Body meeting of the 2023-2024 academic year.		
5.	Welcom	ne and Introductions		
	5.1	The Chair welcomed all those present and in attendance.		
	5.2	All introduced themselves to new Foundation Governor, Mr William Downs.		
	5.3	The Chair announced that Mrs Louisa Smith, Office and Exams Manager, had been elected as a Staff Governor. Governors agreed it was beneficial to have a member of the support staff on the Governing Body.		

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	5.4	One staff governor vacancy remained and the Clerk would discuss the timing of the next election with the Headteacher.	Discuss next Staff Governor election	Clerk and Headteacher	asap
6.	Memb	ership of the Governing Body			
	6.1	An up-to-date List of Governors had been sent with the agenda.			
	6.2	The Chair emphasised the importance of regular attendance at meetings and reminded governors that they were required to provide a reason for any absences in advance.			
7.	Registe	er of Governors' Interests			
	7.1	The Clerk tabled two Related Parties Declaration Forms, one pertaining to the year ending 31 st August 2022 which was required for auditing purposes, and the other pertaining to the year ahead, ending 31 st August 2023. Governors were asked to complete both forms, and to declare any interests.	Complete and return Related Parties Declaration Forms	All	asap
	7.2	The Clerk also circulated the Governors' Register of Business and Pecuniary Interests document and requested that Governors declared any interests which were specific to the meeting.			
	7.3	Mr James Ewins declared that he was Chair of Governors at St Cecilia's Church of England School.			
8.	Govern	ors' Code of Conduct			
	8.1	The Governors' Code of Conduct for 2022-2023 had been sent with the agenda.			
	8.2	Referring governors to paragraph 3 of the 'Demonstrate our commitment to the role' section on page 2 of the document, the Chair wished to highlight that governors were expected to 'arrive at meetings prepared, having read all papers in advance'.			

8.3	The Chair also pointed out that in accordance with paragraph 7 of the same section on page 3 of the document, all new governors were required to attend induction training.			
8.4	The Clerk agreed to re-send details of new governor induction training to all new governors.	Re-send details of new governor induction training to new governors	Clerk	asap
8.5	The Deputy Headteacher Curriculum reminded governors of the requirement to complete Safeguarding and Prevent training for the new academic year. A link to the Safeguarding training had been sent via email and the Prevent training was available through The National College and governors should have received a welcome email from The National College.		All	asap
8.6	Governors were asked to email the Clerk to confirm once they had completed both training courses.	Email copies of documents governors are required to read	Clerk	asap
8.7	The Clerk would email governors copies of the various documents they were required to read (including Keeping children safe in education 2022) as set out in the Code of Conduct for Governors. The Clerk would also email details of how governors could confirm that they agreed to abide by the Code of Conduct for Governors.	in connection with the Code of Conduct plus details of how governors confirm they agree to abide by Code of Conduct		
8.8	Governors adopted the revised Governors' Code of Conduct.	Publish Code of Conduct	Clerk	asap
Memb	ership of Committees and Review of Scheme of Delegation			
9.1	The Membership of Committees 2022-2023 document had been sent with the agenda.			
9.2	The Chair invited Mr William Downs to consider which committee(s) he would like to join.			
9.3	It was suggested that in order to assist with succession planning, the committee membership of those governors whose terms of office would be expiring in the near future should be considered when appointing new governors to committees.			

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	9.4	It was noted that the Chair of the Admissions Committee would step down as both committee chair and governor at the end of his current term; this would give rise to a vacancy for the Chair of the Admissions Committee.			
	9.5	The Chair of the Admissions Committee agreed to provide a briefing note on the work of the Admissions Committee for potential new members of the Admissions Committee.	Put together briefing note for potential new members of Admissions Committee	Chair of Admissions Committee	asap
	9.6	The Chair of the Audit and Risk Management Committee would shortly be in a position to advise whether or not he wished to continue as a governor once his term of office expired.		Committee	
	9.7	The Chair announced that the Chair of the Curriculum Committee, Mrs Sarah Peart, wished to step down from the role of committee chair. The Chair therefore wished to recommend to the Curriculum Committee that the Vice Chair of the Governing Body was appointed as the new Chair of the Curriculum Committee. It was agreed that this would be an excellent opportunity for the Vice Chair of the Governing Body.			
	9.8	The new Scheme of Delegation for the academic year 2022-2023 had been sent with the agenda.			
	9.9	The Chair noted that individual policies had been listed under some committees' terms of reference but not others. The Chair also noted that Annexe 0, the list of policies, was missing from the Scheme of Delegation. The Clerk agreed to re-issue the Scheme of Delegation, attaching Annexe 0.	Add Annexe O to the Scheme and re-issue	Clerk	asap
10.	Draft m	ninutes of the meeting held on 13th July 2022			
	10.1	The draft minutes of the meeting held on 13th July 2022 had been sent with the agenda and were agreed to be an accurate record.			
	10.2	One copy was signed by the Chair.			

1.	Matter	s arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda				
	1.1	Referring to item 11.36, the Chair asked whether the School Chaplain's evaluation of Collective Worship had been completed. The Headteacher advised that this had not yet been completed but would hopefully be ready for the next meeting.	Provide Chair with School Chaplain's evaluation of Collective Worship	Headteacher	By 12/12/ 22	
	1.2	14.2 - The Chair asked whether governors had now received details of the Ofsted training course recommended by Mr James Ewins. The Deputy Headteacher Curriculum advised that the course provider was The National College and governors should have received a welcome email from the provider. Mr James Ewins would provide governors with details of the training module he had recommended.	Send details of Ofsted training course to governors.	JE	asap	
	1.3	14.6 – The Chair asked the Clerk for an update on available training for the Link Governor for SEND. The Clerk had managed to source an online module on the NGA website and would look into costings. In the meantime, she had passed details of this course to the Link Governor for SEND for her information.	Check costings of NGA SEND training module	Clerk	asap	
	1.4	The Chair of the Audit and Risk Management Committee reported that he was trying to source a trainer to run some Ofsted training for the governing body. He also advised that one of the areas for internal scrutiny for the new academic year would be governance.				
2.	Report	by the Headteacher				
	2.1	The Headteacher's Report to the Governors September 2022 had been sent with the agenda.				
	2.2	The school had worked hard this term to help settle in new colleagues and students.				

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2.52	Governors noted that a large number of students receiving SEN support were not supported by an LSA but through classroom teacher differentiation.			
2.53	A visually impaired student had joined Year 9 and staff had received training from a Local Authority team at the start of term.			
2.54	There were 8 Learning Support Assistants this year, 6 of whom were agency staff. This was challenging in terms of continuity and consistency for the students as well as for the SENCO to manage. Daily briefings were very important.			
2.55	The school would re-advertise for LSAs this term.			
2.56	The SENCO continued her studies to become a certified examinations access arrangement assessor. This should in time result in a financial saving by bringing assessments in house.			
2.57	There had been a rise in the number of Year 7 PP students joining the school this year, compared with a decline in recent years. The Deputy Headteacher Pupil Progress was unsure whether this was a new trend or specific to this cohort.			
2.58	The school would look for any correlation between PP students and a lower reading age in order to direct support where required.			
2.59	Referring to the table on page 10 of the Headteacher's Report, the Chair asked what AA stood for. The Deputy Headteacher Pupil Progress advised that this stood for Access Arrangements and was usually related to a medical issue.			
2.60	The Deputy Headteacher Pupil Progress advised that Staff Governor, Ms Kate Foulds, would take on the role of Pupil Premium Co-ordinator this year.			
2.61	A key priority for this year was to ensure that everyone was prepared for exams without adjustments, including the Non-examined Assessments (NEAs). Draft dates had been published - 15th May to 28th June. The Exams Officer had attended training today.			

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2.62	A November series of exams would run for GCSE English Language and Mathematics, along with early applicant Oxbridge tests plus assessments in the week after October half term.			
2.63	Governors noted that students were supported by individual departments for the Oxbridge tests.			
2.64	The school continued to manage cover internally as much as possible and governors noted that cover was financially challenging for the school.			
2.65	A governor asked whether the school ever received parental feedback on the LSAs?			
2.66	The Deputy Headteacher Pupil Progress advised that LSAs were not assigned to individual students and were deliberately mixed, due to attachment issues. This said, the school did consider each LSA's skillset when pairing them up with students, as well as LSA career progression.			
2.67	The Deputy Headteacher Pupil Progress was of the view that any negative comments were likely to result from a personality clash.			
2.68	The Headteacher then referred governors to the safeguarding report from the Acting Assistant Headteacher Behaviour for Learning and Inclusion on page 11 of the Headteacher's Report.			
2.69	The school now utilised the services of Place2Be, a counselling provider. The school was delighted to have a Place2Be School Project Manager on board who was already dealing with student referrals and working well with both students and staff.			
2.70	In addition, the School Chaplain and Mind continued to support the Heads of Year.			
2.71	A curriculum update had been provided by the Assistant Headteacher Curriculum Development.			
2.72	The Sixth Form Wellbeing programme continued this year.			

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	2.73	Welcome afternoons for all year groups had taken place at the start of term which had been useful opportunities for Heads of Year to take parents and carers through the plans for the year ahead.			
	2.74	The Assistant Headteacher Curriculum Development was now leading on PSHE and working on a programme with a clearer overview for this year.			
	2.75	A governor asked whether it was compulsory to spend a certain amount of time on PSHE? The Headteacher advised that schools were able to manage this in a variety of ways and at LMS all students did PSHE every Thursday during period 1.			
	2.76	The school was preparing for an Ofsted inspection which the Headteacher was expecting this academic year.			
	2.77	Referring to the attendance figures provided on page 14 of the Headteacher's Report, a governor noted that Year 9, 10 and 11 attendance impacted on the average figure.			
	2.78	The Headteacher advised that overall attendance was affected by a small number of students and the school was working with the families concerned.			
	2.79	Another governor felt that in comparison with many schools, which had not been able to get back above 90% following the pandemic, these figures were good.			
	2.80	The Chair thanked the Headteacher and Deputy Headteachers for their input.			
3.	ALPS Tra	nining Session			
	3.1	The Deputy Headteacher Pupil Progress tabled a training document, ALPS Training: FGB, along with the Alps Key Stage 4 – Subject value-added overview and the Alps A level – Subject value-added overview.			
	3.2	Governors noted that Alps was an online tool which teachers used to set targets for students. The system was designed to be aspirational and the school was aiming for at least a 3 which equated to the top 25% of the national benchmark.			

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	3.3	Alps was very useful as it enabled staff to input grades at multiple points within the academic year and model changes/effects quickly, whereas the Ofsted dashboard which was based on live data sets, was only published once a year.			
	3.4	Referring to the Alps A Level – Quality Indicator – Overall sheet, the Chair asked why the Art score of 1.14 was not highlighted in red. The Deputy Headteacher Pupil Progress explained that a subject variation was built in.			
	3.5	Governors noted that Ofsted would make a comparison with 2018-19 results and would probably exclude any cohort under 5 students as this would not be statistically interesting.			
	3.6	Looking at the Economics score, governors noted that there was work to be done. The Deputy Headteacher Curriculum confirmed that a lot of work around teaching and learning had been completed for this subject recently and the school was confident that it this would improve in subsequent years.			
	3.7	All agreed that Alps was a very powerful tool.			
	3.8	The Clerk would upload these documents onto Governorhub.	Upload Alps documents onto Governorhub	Clerk	asap
4.	Report	by the Chair			
	4.1	The Chair did not have anything further to report.			
5.	Comm	unications			
	5.1	The Chair had been notified by the Clerk that Foundation Governor, Mr William Hunter, had been awarded the Freedom of the Borough award and wished to pass on her congratulations to Mr Hunter.			
6.	Report	s from Committees and Working Parties			
	6.1	Admissions Committee – refer to confidential section			

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	6.10	The Deputy Headteacher Curriculum asked whether any governors wished to complete safer recruitment training.			
	6.11	The Chair of the Audit and Risk Management Committee was of the view that this would only be useful if governors were required to sit on interview panels therefore this could be decided on an as and when required basis.			
7.	Link Go	overnors			
	7.1	A report from the Link Governor for English had been sent with the agenda.			
	7.2	The Chair noted that the Link Governor for English had asked whether Rose Fund money could be used for English department trips for some students?	Explore use of Rose Fund for English department trips		
	7.3	The Headteacher agreed to explore that with the Head of English, however Governors should note that the Rose Fund was not a hardship fund.		Headteacher/ Head of English	,
	7.4	Governors asked whether there was a separate hardship fund? The Headteacher advised that a formal hardship fund was not in place, and the Rose Fund was used to fund activities across the school.			
	7.5	Governors asked whether the school held records of the proportion of PP and non-PP students participating in paid for opportunities?			
	7.6	The Headteacher advised that this could certainly be looked into. She added that this term the school would introduce a system to record extra-curricular club attendance in order to ensure that PP students were being supported and encouraged to take full advantage of the extra-curricular offer.	l	Headteacher	12/12/ 2022
	7.7	Governors suggested that the Jack Petchey Foundation could be a source of support for theatre trips.			

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	7.8	The Deputy Headteacher Curriculum assured governors that when planning trips, the focus was always on affordability. In addition, A Level Bursary students were able to use their bursary towards school trips.			
8.	Governo	or Training & Development			
	8.1	The Clerk would send out training schedules to the Governing Body for the current academic year and reminded governors that they were welcome to book themselves onto the governor training courses offered by the LDBS. Details of these courses could be found in the weekly LDBS Newsletter they received by email.	Send training schedules to governors	Clerk	asap
9.	Any Other Business				
	9.1	There was no other urgent business.			
10.	Dates of Forthcoming Meetings				
	10.1	The meeting calendar for the new academic year had been sent with the agenda. Governors noted the date of the next meeting (and AGM) which was Monday, 12 th December 2022 at 6.00pm.			

The meeting closed at 7.40pm