

Governing Body Termly Updates to Parents – 2020-21

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Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians,

A welcome to all new students, and those returning, as we approach the end of the first half term in Autumn. Whilst the current circumstances have continued to prove challenging to schools across the country, the governors would like to raise sincere thanks to the whole school community for their resilience and dedication to learning over this term.

The Governing Body have held all meetings online over the term, with our Curriculum and Standards Committee and Admissions Committee taking place, and then followed by the full Governing Body meeting.

The Centre Assessed Grades, along with the post-16 and post-Sixth Form destinations were all reviewed. We wish all students well in their next steps.

The Governing Body received an engaging presentation from Cosima Davies, on the work of the Anti-Racism Working Group, and the positive steps that have been taken already in collating detailed action and impact plans to take forwards. The governors remain committed to the long term aims to ensure that there is a focus on equalities across all areas of the Academy provision. and will continue to work closely with the leadership team on these aims.

The governors were pleased to hear of the positive commencement of the Reignition Curriculum, and the drive for all students to continue to access the broad and balanced curriculum at the Academy. The School Development Plan was also reviewed, and with the key priorities linked to a focus on Attendance, Behaviour, Curriculum - all of which will remain a focus in the short to longer term.

The impact of Disadvantaged Student Funding for 2019-20 and the Strategy for 2020-21 have been reviewed, and the report will be uploaded on the Academy website for information in due course.

Thank you to all parents who voted in the parent governor election recently, and thank you to Elshaymaa Molokhia and Michael Allen for applying for the role. Congratulations to Elshaymaa Molokhia who has been elected as the new parent governor. The appointment process is being undertaken at present, with the aim for Elshaymaa to be fully appointed in the Autumn 2 term.

If you have any specific questions to raise with governors, please do so directly via the Clerk to the Governors, Louise Garcia: l.garcia@uclacademy.co.uk. Please note that all governor updates to parents for the academic year can also be found under the Governance section of the website.

Best regards

Lucie Green, Chair of Governors