

Arrangements for obtaining the views of staff and students on the determination and periodic review of the educational character and mission of the institution and the oversight of its activities

The College is committed to engaging widely with staff and students to obtain their views and opinions. Consultation is instrumental in shaping the strategic priorities of the College, for improving performance and maintaining the highest possible standards.

The College has in place the following arrangements for consulting with students and staff at the College:

Students

- ❖ Student Voice – annual student perceptions questionnaire conducted to obtain views from all learners on the wider aspects of College life including its mission and vision.
- ❖ Subject questionnaires – looking at the quality of teaching and learning.
- ❖ Focus Groups – both within subjects and cross-College.
- ❖ Personal Tutor Groups and 1:1 interviews
- ❖ Student Council – 15 student officers who have a range of roles, responsibilities and skills and who represent students' views in many areas of College life.
- ❖ Student Membership (1) of the Corporation – the Student Governor is given an opportunity to play a full part in the Board's proceedings, which includes the periodic review of the educational character, mission, values, strategic priorities of the College and oversight of its activities.
- ❖ Student Ambassadors
- ❖ On an annual basis the Corporation receives and considers reports from the President of the Student Council and the Student Council Tutor
- ❖ Student representatives on cross-College committees, such as Equality & Diversity, Chaplaincy and Health & Safety.
- ❖ Meetings convened on request with the Corporate Management Team and Student Council
- ❖ Ofsted's Learner View.
- ❖ Social media notice boards supported by the College's presence on Facebook and Twitter.

- ❖ College Student Complaints process
- ❖ Student Involvement Strategy
- ❖ National Student Survey (HE Students)

Staff

- ❖ Principal's Briefings held weekly providing information to all staff on current position of the College and developments, curriculum achievements and initiatives.
- ❖ Additional briefings given by the Principal on current topics with invitations to share views.
- ❖ Staff membership (1) of the Corporation - the Staff Governor has an opportunity to play a full part in the Board's proceedings, which includes the periodic review of the educational character, mission, values, strategic priorities of the College and oversight of its activities.
- ❖ Annual Staff Climate Survey for all staff.
- ❖ Involvement in the Investors in People programme.
- ❖ Staff noticeboard on College intranet.
- ❖ Team meetings.
- ❖ Regular management and trade union meetings, which incorporate opportunities to explore new developments as well as policies relating to the terms and conditions of employment.
- ❖ Staff representatives on cross-College committees, such as Equality & Diversity, Chaplaincy and Health & Safety.

Monitoring and Review

The results of any consultation on the educational character and mission of the College and the oversight of its activities is evaluated by the Governing Body, or one of its Committees, and used to inform the strategic direction of the College.

The consultation methods will be reviewed on a regular basis, to ensure that they are fully accessible and meet the needs of Staff and Students, and the Corporation, in obtaining their views.