

**AQUINAS COLLEGE GOVERNING BODY**  
**GOVERNOR TRAINING**

Meeting: 6 May 2009  
Time: 7.00pm  
Venue: The College

**GOVERNORS PRESENT**

Dr P Beatty, Mrs M Bentley, Miss M Braithwaite, Mr L Byrne, Mrs C Calverley, Mrs P Lynch, Cllr T P McGee, Prof A Trinci, Dr A Smith and Fr V Whelan.

Cllr T P McGee in the Chair.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Mrs P Ollerhead	Assistant Principal
Mr E Lack	Curriculum Manager
Mr T Conlon	Clerk to the Governing Body

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from and Mr J Beckitt, Mr P Carpenter, Mrs C H Dove, Mr P Feehily, Mr D Fowell, Mr A Moss and Mrs E Rice .

2. **14-19 AGENDA**

Mrs Ollerhead advised Governors that the objectives of the training session were to:

- i) Raise awareness of what is changing in education
- ii) Understand the reasons for these changes
- iii) Consider the opportunities and potential impact of these changes on Aquinas College

The main areas that were outlined were as follows:

- i) The Leitch Report.
- ii) The Challenges - skills shortage, employers and universities dissatisfaction, NEETS (students not in education, employment or training) and learners are often dissatisfied and disengaged.
- iii) Educational outcomes from 2008 onwards.
- iv) Reform for 14-16 year olds and 16- 19 year olds
- v) What skills, attitudes and attributes are needed.
- vi) The impact on learners at Aquinas
- vii) Diplomas – Academic qualifications not traditional vocational training with a strong emphasis on employment skills. These will be offered at levels 1.2 and 3 and are called Foundation, Higher, Progression and Advance, Extended levels. They are equivalent to 7 GCSEs at level 2 and 3.5 A levels at level 3. The extended Diploma will cater for the more able and will be equivalent to 4.5 A levels. All students in Stockport will have access to all 17 diploma lines by 2013. Diplomas will be delivered in partnership with other organisations at level 2 and 3 when this is necessary. Each diploma includes 10 days work experience. Each diploma includes the measurement of progression in personal learning and thinking skills (PLTs).
- viii) Diploma Timeline for Stockport

2009 – Construction, Engineering, Creative and Media, Society, Health and Development.

2010 – IT, Business Admin and Finance, Retail Business, Sport and Leisure Management, Hospitality.  
2011 – Science, Humanities, Modern Languages, Public Service, Land - based and Environment.  
2012 – Hair and Beauty Studies, Manufacturing, Travel and Tourism.

ix) Preparation in Stockport

Secondary schools have aligned their timetables – 2 days for options and 3 days for core. Bramhall High School is not part of the agreement.

A Hub has been created to bid for diplomas, which includes all schools and colleges.

Diploma development groups have been formed to work together and make bids.

The Local Authority co-ordinates this process.

x) Diplomas at Aquinas

The college will offer the following diplomas

2010 - Business Admin and Finance, IT, Sport and Leisure Management, Creative and Media

2011 - Science, Humanities, Modern Languages

Mr Lack made a more detailed presentation on how the changes in the 14 – 19 Curriculum would impact on the college with particular reference to the Diploma structure and the Diplomas being offered by the college from 2010.

He highlighted the following issues that have to be addressed by the college.

- i) Colleagues serving on numerous working committees
- ii) Various colleagues working with other colleges and schools
- iii) Timetabling
- iv) Marketing
- v) Co-ordination of Diplomas
- vi) MIS – tracking of students' attendance
- vii) 14-19 Working Group

The Governors raised the question of how will the introduction of diplomas impact on the demand for places at the college. Dr Smith advised Governors that this was unknown at the moment. He also advised the Governors that no Apprenticeships would be offered by the college.

The Governors thanked Mrs Ollerhead and Mr Lack for their presentation

### 3. ASSESSMENT/EVALUATION OF MEETINGS

A brief discussion took place on the papers that had been circulated prior to the meeting on the proposed Assessment and Evaluation of Governing Body meetings. It was agreed that this would be trialled at the June Governing Body meeting and the results reported back to the Autumn Term meeting.

### 4. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

23 June 2009 at 4.30pm.

The Chair closed the meeting by thanking everyone for attending and hoped that they had found informative.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairperson

Date \_\_\_\_\_